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POLITICS REIGN.

Chiang's Retirement Halts Militarists.

KWANGSI AND WUHAN.

Yangtze Situation In State of Complete Chaos.

LI CHAI-SUM ON WAY TO SHANGHAI FOR CONFAB.

The retirement of Chiang Kai-shek has momentarily clouded the military horizon and flooded the country with reports and rumours of a political nature. Surprise is expressed at the Nanking chief's decision, as the Nationalists were considered to be in a very strong position. Kwangsi leaders, it appears, support Chiang's eclipse and have asked the Wuhan authorities for instructions as to future action. Hankow itself, however, seems to be completely in the hands of the militarists, and many Wuhan supporters are fleeing down river towards Nanking.

Li Chai-sum, the chief military officer of Canton, is said to be on his way to Shanghai to confer with Chang Fa-kuei.

The Southerners are to attempt to hold Sun Chuan-fang's troops on the banks of the Grand Canal.

GRAND CANAL BATTLE?

Shanghai, To-day.

Already complex, the Yangtze situation has been temporarily reduced to chaos by Chiang Kai-shek's resignation.

Foreign observers at Nanking on Saturday reported that Chiang Kai-shek was far stronger militarily than is generally recognised and that the Nanking party was successfully counter-attacking on the north of the Yangtze. The observers were dumbfounded on hearing that Chiang Kai-shek had resigned.

The retirement of the Southerners from Mingkwang is confirmed while 10,000 have gone to Kasyu in an attempt to hold up Sun Chuan-fang's advance along the Grand Canal. Meanwhile fairly large bodies of Southern troops are withdrawing from the north bank in the direction of Chinkiang and Nanking.

These movements, however, are at present unimportant compared to the flow of Wuhan supporters down the river towards Nanking.

At Nanking.

News from Nanking is very vague, but it is apparent that the civilians are out of the picture and the military are supreme. Chinese reports suggest that an advance by Li Tsung-jen from Wuhu with an army of 7,000 will clarify the situation by enabling the Kwangsi generals Li Tsung-jen, Pei Tsung-hsi and Ho Ying-ching to dominate the position pending the arrival of large Wuhan forces from Kiukiang and Hankow.

The Kwangsi forces have already wired to Tang Seng-chi explaining the necessity for retirement of their commander-in-chief, Chiang Kai-shek, for the purpose of enabling the Hankow and Nanking Governments to reunite and have requested Wuhan's instructions regarding future action.

Li Chai-sum.

Wang Ching-wei, Sun Fo and General Tan Yen-kai are now at Kiukiang conferring with Generals Chu Pei-teh and Chang Fa-kuei, while it is understood that Li Chai-sum, Governor of Kwangtung, is en route to Shanghai with the hope of conferring with Chang Fa-kuei.

Hwang Fu, the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, has resigned.—Reuter.

Galen in Hankow.

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a message from Hankow it transpires that Galen has not yet left the port as indicated on August 11. He states that he intends to leave as soon as duties permit, his leave being long overdue.—Reuter.

No Successor Yet.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Chiang Kai-shek, whose resignation from the position of Commander-in-Chief is now reliably reported, has proceeded to Ningpo. He has sent his family to America.

The resignation of other members of the Nanking Government is rumoured.

The election of a successor to General Chiang is at present proving difficult.—British Naval Wireless.

General Retreat.

Chinkiang, Yesterday. Troops are arriving in large numbers from the North Bank, indicating a general retreat of the Nationalist forces from Kiangsu.—British Naval Wireless.

Pukow To Fall?

Nanking, Yesterday. The Southerners will apparently make no attempt to defend Pukow, if the Northerners advance further. Large numbers of troops, the balance of the 37th Army, with field artillery, munitions and railway engines have crossed from Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow Exodus.

Hankow, Yesterday. Troops continued to proceed down river.—British Naval Wireless.

Kiukiang, Yesterday.

Troops have arrived from up river and continue to further down the river from Kiukiang.—British Naval Wireless.

To Take Yangchow.

Peking, Aug. 9.

Some 20,000 Southern troops are now concentrating in the vicinity of Tachin and Tapu, south of Hachow, and they are proceeding southwards.

It is said that General Sun Chuan-fang is planning to capture Yangchow with the ultimate object of placing the region south of the Yangtze under his influence. In the meantime, it is considered that though General Chang Chung-chang may advance as far as Pengpu, he will not advance further south of that town but will rather proceed to Honan.—Toho.

Tang at Kiukiang.

Hankow, Aug. 9.

General Tang Sheng-chih, finding it not necessary to pay attention to General Chang Fa-kuei because General Chang's forces have been reduced to half as the result of their recent attack on Nanchang, has finally determined to remove his headquarters to Kiukiang in order to devote his energy to the campaign against the Nanking army. General Tang, therefore, issued a circular telegram to-day to local Governments and branch headquarters of the Kuomintang in various provinces, announcing that he, in accordance with an order of the Wu-Han Government, will start a campaign against the Communists and General Chiang Kai-shek. It is expected that General Tang will leave down-stream within a week.

In the meantime, General Yeh Chi, Vice-Commander of the 35th Army, who is now at Wuhu, is not only conferring with General Li Tsung-jen, the Commander of the 7th Army, but making a round of calls on Generals Hu Tsung-to, Yeh Kai-shin, Ho Yao-tzu, and Wang Pu. Moreover, emissaries are being frequently exchanged between these Generals, and those who are disgusted at the domination of the Chiekang faction.

The Wu-Han faction, under the foregoing circumstances and considering that the Generals referred to, especially leaders of the Kwangsi faction, will take some measures before hostilities begin, do not anticipate a clash between the Wu-Han and Nanking forces.—Toho.

Executions in Hankow.

Hankow, Aug. 9.

At its 44th meeting held to-day, the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang passed an urgent motion in favour of expelling

OLYMPIC SOCCER.

Payment for Footballers Sanctioned.

"AMATEUR" OBJECTIONS.

International Federation Does Not Agree.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

At a recent conference in Paris between the executive committee of the International Association of Football Federation and the International Olympic Committee it was agreed that an indemnity for lost earnings may be awarded footballers competing in the Olympics without them losing their amateur status provided it is paid to the employers and not direct to the players.

This decision was discussed by the Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation at a meeting in Amsterdam which passed a resolution regretting the decision and calling the attention of athletes of the world that according to the rules of the I.A.A.F., any person receiving payment for broken time is debarred from participation in events under the jurisdiction of the I.A.A.F.—Reuter.

MORE RAIN.

TYPHOON MOVEMENTS.

"Fresh west winds, backing to S. or S.E., overcast, rain," is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Pressure gradients are shallow from the Bonins to S. Manchuria. The typhoon appears to be filling up to the S.W. of Swatow.

The Guam typhoon is about 200 miles N.E. of Yap, moving westward.

The following telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day.

15th 4.30 p.m.—Typhoon in about 120 degrees Long E. and 23 degrees Lat. N. moving W.N.W. Typhoon in about 142 degrees Long E. and 11 degrees Lat. N. moving W.N.W. 16th 9 a.m.—Typhoon in about 140 degrees Long E. and 13 degrees Lat. N. moving N.W.

A Chinese died from small-pox during the week ended August 13. Altogether five cases of notifiable disease were reported. Three cases of enteric fever amongst Chinese were notified yesterday.

ling immediately those members of the Communists who have their names entered in the list of the Kuomintang members.

The committee at the same time issued an ordinance to arrest Messrs. Tan Pin-shan, Wu Yu-chang, Lin Tsun-shan, and Yu Tai-yang as responsible persons for the recent mutiny at Nanchang.

Hitherto the Central Executive Committee has been prohibiting communists from holding important posts in the Government and armies, but not in the Executive Committee, and therefore, the persons enumerated remained in office as members of the Executive Committee.

Of late, several persons are executed daily on a charge of having participated in a communist plot.—Toho.

Loan For Pukow.

Nanking, Aug. 9.

With the creation of the Special Municipality of Nanking by the Nationalist Government and the inclusion of the port of Pukow within the limits of the Special Municipality, plans for the development of the southern terminus of the Tientsin-Pukow Line have been under way. A loan of \$50,000,000 is being considered for the purpose, and ten proposals suggesting how the port's development can best be effected, are being submitted by the Special Municipality.

The Silver Embargo.

Nanking, Aug. 9.

The embargo on the exportation of silver to ports has been lifted by an order of the Ministry of Finance. With the exceptions of Hankow and Kiukiang, all shipments of hard silver may be freely made without having first to obtain a permit from the Ministry of Finance at Nanking. It is understood that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs as well as the Superintendent of Customs have been notified to the above effect, the former having been also requested to announce this order to the local foreign authorities.—Kuo Min.

WAS IT MURDER?

Castle Peak Case Nears End.

THE CROWN'S ADDRESS.

Counsel Stresses Quarrel Between Man and Wife.

The Castle Peak murder trial moved a stage further to conclusion at the Criminal Sessions this morning when, after the hearing of final evidence, counsel for the Crown (Mr. H. S. Fitzroy) addressed the jury.

The concluding submissions of Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the defence) will be made this afternoon and, after the summing-up by His Lordship, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the jury will return their verdict, the proceedings probably concluding late to-day.

Inspector Lane was recalled at the request of the jury at the outset of the case this morning. He stated, in reply to questions that the first statement of the mul tsa! had been made before she went to live with the family of the deceased woman. This question was in connection with the prisoner's allegations in the box yesterday that the mul tsa! had been coached by the family of the dead woman to make a statement which was at variance with his regard to his movements on the hillside on the day in question.

Examined by Mr. Jenkin, Inspector Lane said that the first statement made by the mul tsa! contained all the essential facts of the case, made after the girl had gone to live with the relatives of the deceased woman. He could not say where the notes made in the course of the first statement were at the present moment but the first statement was embodied into the statement she made later.

Men's Trousers.

A cutter in the employ of Wing On Co., was called with regard to the prisoner's statement that the trousers found in a pond near the house and which the Crown alleged were the trousers which were missing from the deceased woman. Witness stated that they were of the pattern worn by men.

Mr. Fitzroy was putting the question to witness as to whether or not the kind of trousers in question were worn by women when Mr. Jenkin protested on the ground that witness had already answered what he was called for.

His Lordship allowed the objection. Mr. Jenkin then made certain submissions to His Lordship with regard to His Lordship's adverse finding to counsel's submission that on the lack of evidence of killing there was no case to go to the jury. Mr. Jenkin intimated at this stage that in the event of an adverse verdict at the conclusion of the trial he would appeal to the Full Court of Criminal Appeal on the point in question.

Possible Motive.

Mr. Fitzroy then made final submissions for the Crown, dwelling on the quarrels which admittedly had taken place between the prisoner and the deceased (his wife). If it were necessary for the Crown to provide a motive, the prisoner himself had provided it, commented counsel, in his confession as to having accused his wife of infidelity, her failure to reply, and his subsequent anger.

Counsel traced prisoner's alleged movements and commented on the discrepancies in his story as compared with the mul tsa! With regard to the knot, counsel submitted that it was clear from the evidence that it was not a knot for hanging but "a most excellent knot for the purpose of strangling"—evidence which was further borne out by experts that in the position in which the prisoner alleged to have found the woman hanging, it would be impossible for there to have been a circular groove around the neck unless it was below the thyroid cartilage, which in fact it was not.

Counsel submitted that, being on bad terms with his wife, he made up his mind to kill her and, to accomplish his evil purpose, sent out the mul tsa! and the other children from the house, remaining behind and committing the crime whilst the others were on the hillside, rejoining them later. It was obviously false, in the light of the evidence, said counsel, for the prisoner to maintain that they went up the hillside together.

On Barristers.

Addressing the jury on behalf of the accused, Mr. Jenkin referred to what he thought might be a fairly general opinion, although a false one, on the part of the public, that lawyers were apt to be over-smart and needed regarding with suspicion. The entertainment of such a view, stated counsel, was unjustifiable. A barrister practised under the scrutiny of the judge and it was impossible that he could turn to his advantage anything that he might have to say to the jury.

Having sat there for seven days,

BAREFACED FRAUD.

Jail For Two Lance Corporals.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Money Obtained By Bogus Subscription List.

Two Lance Corporals of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Samuel Lockhead (22), and Ernest Robert Hart (23), were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with obtaining money by false pretences.

Addressing the defendants, Mr. Lindell said: "The charge against you is that you two did together on or about July 23 obtain \$50 from Mr. E. L. Slin at No. 27 The Peak by false pretences; that you pretended you had been authorised by your Regiment to collect money on behalf of the widow of Private Prince, when, in fact, you have not been so authorised. You did that with intent to defraud and keep the money for yourselves, what do you say?"

Defendants pleaded "guilty."

Mr. Lindell: The second charge against you is attempting to obtain money from Major R. J. Wolfe-Murray in the same way, and on or about the same day.

Defendants having admitted this charge also, his Worship proceeded: "There is a further charge that on or about July 27 you obtained \$5 in exactly the same way, with the same excuse and intent to defraud, from Mr. C. I. Cooke of No. 9 The Peak."

Defendants again pleaded "guilty."

A Serious View.

Addressing Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., who prosecuted, Mr. Lindell asked if the defendants had obtained more than the \$55 which formed the subject of the charges.

Mr. Booth replied that he understood the defendants had collected the equivalent of six or seven pounds sterling.

Mr. Lindell: Have they paid over any of the money they received?

Mr. Booth: No. The Military take a serious view of the case; that is why they had taken it before the civil authorities. The second defendant assisted the Military in investigations, and was considered of value to them. First defendant was identified by Major Wolfe-Murray, and after he had been placed in the guardroom, the other voluntarily gave himself up.

Proceeding, Mr. Booth said that the defendants alleged that they were collecting money on behalf of the widow of Private Prince who was drowned at Taiwan, but he was in the position to show that the late Private Prince was not a married man.

The Magistrate sentenced Lockhead to two months' jail for his share in getting the \$50 from Mr. Slin, and one month on each of the other charges making four months altogether. Hart was sentenced to one month's jail on each charge, a total of three months' hard labour.

His Worship commented: "It is a most deliberate and barefaced fraud on the public."

he did not think, continued counsel, that the jury could say with any moral conviction that the case for the Crown was irretrievable. "You were particularly struck by the fact that it was not until yesterday that the Crown counsel enlightened us as to what his case was. I say that is remarkable for mere reasons than one: It deprived the prisoner of any real chance of building up his defence."

Continuing, counsel said that the jury had been sworn to try a definite issue and if no definite issue had been put to them before the eleventh hour, they would understand that the cross-examination of any of the material witnesses might have been different.

A Remarkable Thing.

With regard to the contention of the Crown that the deceased woman could not have been hanging on the rope and cut down by the prisoner owing to the alleged fact that if one suspended a body from a rope and cut it, the rope became unravelled (which was not so in this case), was it not a remarkable thing, asked counsel, that the prosecution had come into court and asked the jury to disbelieve the prisoner's story because of this contention when they had made no practical test as to its truth? The demonstration in court had proved entirely to the contrary, claimed counsel, and supported the prisoner's evidence.

That evidence of the class should be adduced by the Crown without subjecting it first to experiment was a matter for fair comment, continued counsel, in that the jury could be prepared to say that they were not satisfied with the manner in which the case for the Crown had been presented and as a result that they were going to scrutinise with great care every bit of evidence which was put before them for the Crown.

Mr. Jenkin had not concluded when the Court rose.

TAX SCANDAL.

British Subject's Strange Attitude.

TIENTSIN CARPETS.

Exporters Oppose Levy of New Chihli Duties.

BANK NOT ALLOWED TO CERTIFY DOCUMENTS.

The inexplicable action of one W. P. Galvin, a British subject, is agitating foreign business circles in North China. Recently the Chihli Provincial Government instituted a new tax on the export of carpets, and announced that a Carpet Tax Bureau would collect the levy instead of the Bank of Communications. This tax is considered illegal by the foreign exporters so they attempted to get their documents passed by the Customs Branch of the Bank at Tientsin independently of the Tax Bureau. Galvin and a Chinese interfered and persuaded the Bank officials not to certify the documents. This was occurred on two occasions, and Consular action against Galvin is sought.

CONSULAR AID INVOKED.

Tientsin, Aug. 4.

Further developments in connection with the Carpet Tax scandal took place on Saturday morning. It will be recalled that on Friday afternoon a number of foreign carpet-exporters, whose consignments had been duly assessed by the Customs, presented their duty memos at the Customs Branch of the Bank of Communications, and tendered the legal duty.

The Bank officials were prevented from accepting payment of the export duty by the officious interference of one W. P. Galvin, a British subject and a member of the firm of Berger's Enterprises, Ltd., together with certain Chinese who claimed to represent the Carpet Tax Bureau. The exporters therefore recovered and took away their documents and reported what had occurred to their respective consular authorities and the French Police.

On Saturday a number of foreign carpet-exporters, accompanied by Mr. G. C. Pelham, British Vice-Consul, M. Bonnefous, a French Lawyer, and Inspector Jobez of the French Police proceeded to the Customs Branch of the Bank of Communications. There Mr. Pelham, on behalf of four British firms, namely, Messrs. Greenland & Co., Messrs. Fairchild & Co., the Eastern Trading Co., and the China Carpet Co., tendered the duty memos and cheques in full payment of the duty entered thereon to one of the employees of the Bank.

Galvin Interferes.

Galvin and a Chinese who gave his name as Hsing Ling thereupon interfered and forbade the bank employee to give the usual receipt. Asked by the British Vice-Consul whether he was a British subject Galvin said "Yes." He admitted that he was not in the employment of the Customs or the Bank of Communications, and gave evasive and unsatisfactory answers when asked on what ground he, a British subject, presumed to interfere with and intimidate the staff of the Customs Bankers.

Several attempts were made by Galvin and his Chinese accomplice to seize the duty memos, but were resisted by the British Vice-Consul and by Mr. Nicholls.

Manager Embarrassed.

Mr. Pelham then asked to see the Manager of the Customs Branch of the Bank. It was some time before he could be induced to appear and his position was obviously a most embarrassing one. When asked whether he was willing to accept the legal duty he at first said "yes." When asked to do so he stated that that was impossible; as he was being coerced by Galvin and his voluble Chinese accomplice.

For some minutes he would not state definitely whether he would or would not accept the tender of legal duty, and eventually he shrugged his shoulders and waved his hands pathetically, explaining that he was very sorry that he could not resist the Carpet tax officials. The French police were asked whether it was possible to remove these extortioners, who were engaged in coercing the Customs bankers in the French Concession for the purpose of exacting an illegal tax.

It was understood, however, that the French police are awaiting instructions on this point from Peking.

Formal Protest.

A formal protest against the Bank's refusal to accept the legal duty when tendered having been made, and a warning given to Galvin that he was obstructing a British official in the execution of his duty, and illegally holding up the business of the Customs Bankers, Mr. Pelham and the representatives of the Carpet exporters withdrew.

It now remains to be seen whether the French authorities, on the one hand, will tolerate this barefaced extortion on premises situated within the French Concession; and whether the British authorities, on the other, cannot find some way of preventing W. P. Galvin of Berger's Enterprises, Ltd., a British subject, from associating himself with what is, in effect, the blackmailing of foreign carpet exporters.

Galvin's Position.

It is now quite clear that the Bank of Communications is an unwilling party to this systematic "hold-up" of export duty memos for carpets, and if Galvin is not technically liable to a charge of extortion he might, we fancy, be dealt with under Article 89 of the Order in Council, which provides that "where it is proved that there is reasonable ground to apprehend that a British subject (a) is about to commit a breach of the public peace, or that the acts or conduct of a British subject are or is likely to produce or excite to a breach of the public peace, the Court may, if it thinks fit, cause him to be brought before it, and require him to give security, to the satisfaction of the Court, to keep the peace, or for his future behaviour, as the case may require." In the event of not giving satisfactory security a person so charged may be deported.

It certainly appears to us that the obstruction and coercion of the Customs Bankers by a British subject is an act calculated to "produce or excite to a breach of the public peace" and we hope that it may be possible to apply this section of the Order in the case of W. P. Galvin, of Berger's Enterprises, Ltd.

Alternatively it might be possible: (a) to obtain an injunction restraining Galvin, a British subject, from obstructing the staff of the Bank of Communications in the performance of their lawful functions; or (b) to sue him for the recovery of money illegally extorted from carpet exporters by the holding up of their Customs documents.—"P. and T. Times."

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	1926	1927
Tytam	Level	Level
Tytam Byewash	Do.	Do.
Tytam Intermediate	Do.	Do.
Tytam Tuk	Do.	Do.
Wong Nei Chung	21'1" B	Do.
Pokfulum	Level	Do.
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	1926	1927
Tytam Byewash	384.30	384.80
Tytam Intermediate	22.27	22.37
Tytam Tuk	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,419.00	1,419.00
Wong Nei Chung	26.68	30.34
Pokfulum	68.00	68.00

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	225.17	230.25
Estimated population, 408,320	413,040	
Consumption per head per day	18.8	25.7

Constant Supply in all Rider Main districts from July 1 to 6 inclusive. From July 7 to 18 intermittent supply in all districts west of Garden Road. From July 19 to 28 the supply was seriously disorganized owing to damage to the supply mains in the eastern and western districts. From July 29 to 31, 1927, an intermittent supply to all rider main districts was maintained. Full supply in all rider main districts during July 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	Level	Level
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir 0'4" B	Do.	Do.
Reception Reservoir	Do.	Do.
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	1926	1927
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	352.50	352.50
Reception Reservoir	99.44	100.50

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

	1926	1927
Consumption	80.24	106.48
Estimated population 156,040	161,080	
Consumption per head per day	14.6	21.3

Full Supply in all districts during July, 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to July 31, 1926, 65.78 inches. To July 31, 1927, 72.18 inches.

A LAMENT.

"NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO RULE CHINA."

(By C. J. Ketchum)

The young ex-Emperor of China broke his silence on the political and military problems of his country, which he has maintained for more than the two years since he was driven from his bed in the Imperial Palace at Peking by General Feng Yu-shiang and forced to take refuge in the British Legation.

He was afterwards brought safely from Peking by his British tutor, and he has lived in exile in the Japanese concession at Tientsin ever since.

I saw him in the billiard-room in the top storey of an old Chinese restaurant which has been converted for him into a "palace." It is situated in the centre of the former public gardens.

Here the young ex-Emperor resides, his windows overlooking a fountain which springs from an enchanting lotus pond amid an arbour of green foliage and thousands of crimson roses all alone with his Empress.

Typical Scholar.

He is tall and of an athletic build and much older in appearance than he actually is. He looks a typical Chinese scholar.

He told me that he spent most of his time studying the Chinese classics and English with his British tutor, and that he devoted hours to the strenuous exercises of Chinese boxing.

The King sat and talked on a black silk divan, with black skull cap set at a jaunty angle, and servants bowed their way in and out of his presence.

"No, no," he never wish to be emperor again," he remarked with a melancholy note in his voice, as he discussed his own position in China.

"It is no sinecure," he said, "but a great responsibility to be an emperor or a King to-day."

"A good emperor or king must be the representative and the father of his people. I am not good enough to be the father of the people of China; not fit enough morally or mentally."

"If there should come a time again—and I am sure that it will come, once we have a united China—that an emperor is called to the throne once more, some one else must go, a greater man than I am."

"To Serve My People."

The ex-Emperor adjusted his tortoise-shell spectacles and resumed: "The ambition of my life now is to serve my people, to make any sacrifice to help them; that is all I wish to live for."

"I want to help China as an ordinary man or a statesman. I would like and I intend to visit England, and then make a tour of Europe."

"After that I shall return to China and settle down to assist in the reconstruction of my great country. It makes me sad to think how my people are being treated."



Typical Woodpecker hole in a tree. (Inset) Rare photograph of the Dilated Woodpecker.

In one of his lectures delivered at the Banff Springs Hotel, Dan McCowan, the well-known Canadian naturalist, tells a wonderfully interesting story concerning a wild bird convention held in the Canadian Pacific Rockies during the fall of 1926.

At that time the new Banff Springs Hotel was under construction and large numbers of structural steel workers were engaged in uprearing the fabric around which a dream palace had been evolved. There was the loud clanging of steel as the heavy girders were lifted and guided into place. Winches rattled and engines hummed incessantly. Above all other noises rose the staccato "rat-tat-tat" of scores of ringing hammers.

Far up the Forty Mile Valley of the Bow this sound was borne; it reached from cliff and crag on grey Mount Rundle; it shattered the silence in the deep green woods that do the valleys and the mountain slopes.

Throughout this extensive forested area around Banff and Lake Louise, many woodpeckers are to be found at all seasons of the year. To these feathered foremen came the sound of the riveters at work; it was interpreted by them as the noise of a hot iron being laid; hammering and drilling in the bark and timber of the trees.

"When I gave up my throne, with the advent of Yuan Shih-kai as the first President of the Republic, I did so because I believed that the people were due for better things; and that he would do better for China than I could, young as I was."

"What do we see? Nothing but mad administration, treachery, bribery, wars. My poor people."

"China is suffering more than anything else to-day from too many rotten generals. I see them everywhere, fighting, advancing, backwards, forwards. Their great armies—what are they for? Not for China, but for themselves, struggling and pushing for their own personal gain."

I asked the ex-Emperor his opinion of Chang Tso-lin, the new Peking dictator.

"I don't think too much of him," he replied, with a smile. "He is like all the rest of them, except that he seems to have made a determined stand against the Bolsheviks."

North and South.

"He has been helpful in this way not only to China, but to the whole world. His dictatorship is important, because it will bring together as one force all the parties in the North, but it must not be forgotten that it will also consolidate swiftly all the factions which are now divided in the South."

"What the effect will be I cannot say, but I believe he is the last resolute stand against the Southerners—the so-called Nationalists. Whether or not he succeeds in his programme depends almost entirely on the measure of assistance he receives from Britain and Japan."

"Japan, I know, will help him, because she realises that her own interests are threatened. Japan never hesitates to help where her own interests are involved, but Britain also should come to his assistance."

She can help with money and in a military way, for without some assistance of this kind Chang Tso-lin, who has remained in power so long only because of the support of the Japanese, can scarcely be expected to hold out against the combined forces of the South which are now pressing northward to bring about his downfall."

Race for Peking.

I asked the ex-Emperor who would reach Peking first. He was quick to reply that in his opinion it would not be Chiang Kai-shek, the dictator of Nanking, but Feng Yu-shiang, the Christian general.

"It is all such a distressing business," he continued. "I would like so much to go out and help."

The ex-Emperor broke off his sentence. "I feel so badly for my people. If all these armies could only be taken out of the hands of these treacherous generals and come under the control of one great general, like Napoleon or Wellington, then I feel, and I wish that the time would come, that I could help."

"Meanwhile, as I have said, I wish to travel abroad. I want to go to Britain. I would go tomorrow had I my own way, but I fear that if I did my action would be misunderstood by my people."

"They might believe that I was running away, that I was leaving my country to its fate in the hour when I might help."

"I must therefore wait a little, and then may expect my wife and myself in your great country."

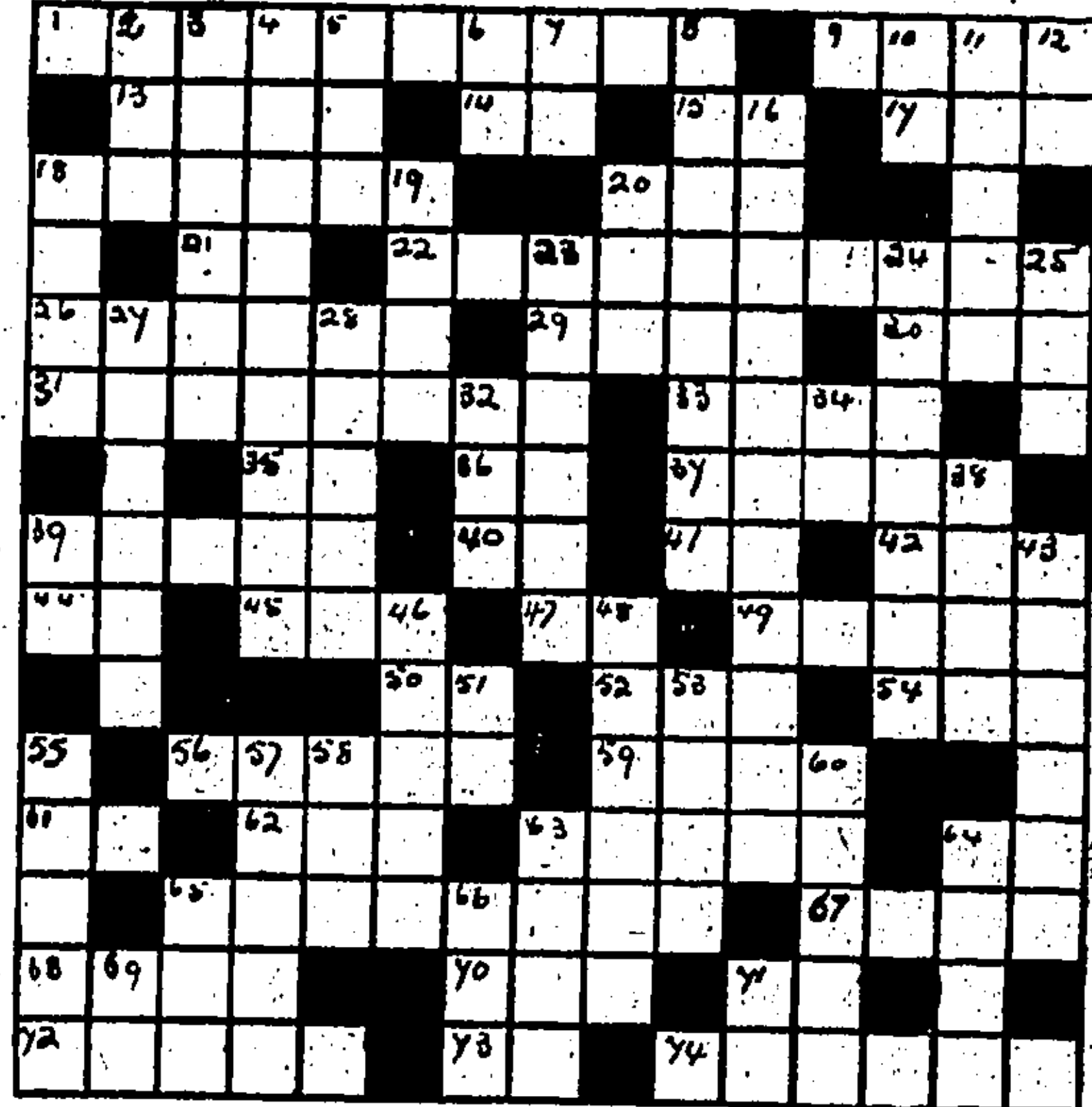
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| <p>Across.</p> <p>1. Having the power to attract.</p> <p>9. The eye of a bean or other seed.</p> <p>13. Unfedged or newly fledged.</p> <p>14. Belonging to.</p> <p>15. Towards.</p> <p>17. Inquiry.</p> <p>18. Pertaining to the wrist.</p> <p>20. Intention.</p> <p>21. A relation of degree.</p> <p>22. Seeking or going out after external objects.</p> <p>26. A year's production or increase.</p> <p>29. A saddle for a horse.</p> <p>30. Born.</p> <p>31. Bent in a backward direction.</p> <p>32. Flashed in the forks of a stem.</p> <p>35. Part of the verb, to be.</p> <p>36. Same as 21 across.</p> <p>37. To fit for insertion into a mortise.</p> <p>39. Rustic.</p> <p>40. Same as 35 across.</p> <p>41. E. T. (Actual).</p> <p>42. Shelter.</p> <p>44. A. L. (Actual).</p> <p>45. Meadow.</p> <p>46. Printer's measure.</p> <p>47. A little island.</p> <p>49. For like reason.</p> <p>52. Grampus.</p> <p>54. The pilot of a vessel.</p> <p>55. Longe for.</p> <p>56. Genuine.</p> <p>57. Criminal falsehood.</p> <p>63. Trivial.</p> <p>64. Accomplish.</p> <p>65. Slippery.</p> <p>67. So be it.</p> <p>68. Part of the verb, to be.</p> <p>70. Part of East Indian vessel.</p> <p>71. Part of the verb, to be.</p> <p>72. Draws water.</p> <p>73. Indefinite article.</p> <p>74. Thinly scattered.</p> | <p>Down.</p> <p>2. Supper.</p> <p>3. An absolute ruler.</p> <p>4. Living upon prey.</p> <p>5. An ancient name of a gum.</p> <p>6. Same as 15 across.</p> <p>7. Whether.</p> <p>8. To blanch.</p> <p>10. Same as 40 across.</p> <p>11. Gladly.</p> <p>12. Printer's measure.</p> <p>15. Polka.</p> <p>16. A king.</p> <p>19. Empty.</p> <p>20. The present indicative plural of the substantive verb.</p> <p>23. An African fly which kills animals by its painful bite.</p> <p>24. Records.</p> <p>25. In addition.</p> <p>27. A small cloud.</p> <p>28. A nozzle.</p> <p>32. A species of sapajou.</p> <p>34. Same as 78 across.</p> <p>38. Turnip.</p> <p>39. Sun God.</p> <p>40. An original form.</p> <p>46. Star-like flower; starwort.</p> <p>48. Regular.</p> <p>51. Bone.</p> <p>54. A small Spanish denomination of money.</p> |
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CHINESE SHIPPING.

REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

Although the total number of vessels entered and cleared at treaty ports during 1926 was smaller, the aggregate tonnage was somewhat larger than in 1925, says the Maritime Customs report. The last time Customs reports, however, are below those for 1924, as a result of boycotts and military interference with Chinese and, at times, even foreign shipping. In 1924 the number of steamers which passed through the ports of China was 132,213, aggregating 135.3 million tons; these figures were reduced to 120,092 steamers, totalling 124.5 million tons, in 1925, while the 1926 results are 117,319 steamers, with a total of 132.2 million tons. The decline in sailing vessels was even more constant, as it occurred not only in the number of vessels, but in the aggregate tonnage as well.

The total number of sailing vessels entered and cleared in 1924 was 54,169, representing 4.6 million tons, and in 1925 and 1926 the numbers were 47,654 and 41,677 vessels respectively, with a total of 3.6 million tons in 1925 and 2.4 million tons in 1926. The total figures for 1926, steamers and sailing vessels combined, are 158,995 vessels and 134,659,000 tons, as against 167,746 vessels, with a total of 128,202,525 tons, in 1925.

A glance at the shipping tables appended to this report will show that Great Britain, who still holds the larger share of the shipping, recovered some of the tonnage lost in the preceding year, without attaining, however, the 1924 level. 36,474 vessels under the British flag, aggregating over 47.6 million tons, are recorded in the 1926 Shipping tables, as against 36,937 vessels and 42.9 million tons in 1925.

During 1924 British shipping had registered 48,896 vessels, with a total of 55.7 million tons. Next in importance of tonnage comes Japan with 29,654 vessels aggregating 38.9 million tons, an increase of 2,393 vessels and 3.86 million tons over the 1925 figures, and of 3,360 vessels and 4.18 million tons over those for 1924. Chinese shipping, on the other hand, suffered somewhat from political disturbances, being often commandeered for military purposes—to such an extent, in fact, that towards the end of the year Chinese steamers were withdrawn from their run and kept safely in harbour. The result is that the Chinese flag has declined from 44,734 vessels with a total of 29.9 million tons, in 1925 to 39,614 vessels, aggregating 26.45 million tons, in 1926, a decrease of

5,120 vessels and 3.45 million tons. The American flag appears to have fared much better, in so far as tonnage is concerned, though the number of vessels, which in 1926 was 5,338, declined by 270 when compared with the preceding year, and by 1,097 when compared with the 1924 figure. The aggregate American tonnage was 6.35 million tons in 1924, 5.55 million tons in 1925, and 5.49 million tons in 1926. This increased tonnage should be attributed to the large tourist steamers which called at Shanghai on their round-the-world trips. Next in importance is the Norwegian flag, with 2,407 vessels, aggregating 3.3 million tons, which represents a steady, if not very remarkable, increase on the two preceding years. The German flag has advanced from 604 vessels and 2.48 million tons in 1925 to 813 vessels and 2.99 million tons in 1926, and increases are also noticeable under the French, Dutch, Italian, Danish, and Russian flags.

Freight.

While not brilliant, the year under review was more advantageous to the freight trade than its predecessor. It is true that disturbed conditions in the interior often interfered with the arrival of goods at the seaboard for shipment abroad, but, on the whole, trans-oceanic shipping was fairly active throughout the year. The export of tea to Europe and North Africa, though somewhat retarded by the high prices demanded at first by dealers, developed eventually along normal lines as the demand increased. The trade in raw silk was steadily maintained all along, while an increasing business was effected in the shipments of bean oil in bulk from Dairen to Europe. All things considered, business in 1926 was satisfactory and showed an improvement on the results obtained in 1925.

Freights to Europe were maintained at conference rates and remained unchanged, except in the case of sesamum seeds, the rate on which was increased from 46 to 55 shillings per ton in November. For other goods rates were as follows: fine silk, from 40 to 45 shillings, and yellow and wild silk, from 31 to 36 shillings, per hundred weight; tea, 75 shillings, per ton of 40 cubic feet; skins and furs in cases, 125 shillings; and general cargo, 75 shillings per ton of 40 cubic feet. There was ample tonnage available at all times; freight rates were considered to represent a fairly remunerative level; and had conditions been more normal, a prosperous year might have been registered for shipping companies.

Freight rates to the United States also remained practically the same as those of the preceding year, though a reduction of 50 cents gold for 100 pounds in the transportation of raw silk, by a Japanese company, caused some flutter in the freight market for America.

Coastwise Trade was much more affected by the political disturbances which occurred throughout the country. It is said that steamer companies in general could not meet their overhead expenses with the freights earned, because even when was a considerable movement of cargo and fairly good freights could be obtained, the charges for working the cargo had increased so much that little or no margin was left for profits. As an instance, the almost complete suspension of business towards the end of the year by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company can be cited.

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R. I. OFFICER LOST.

Calcutta, Aug. 6.
Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Second Engineer MacLaren, of the British India steamer "Ormaru," whilst on a voyage from Calcutta to Rangoon. Mr. MacLaren, who was a native of Glasgow and 30 years of age, recently joined the ship at Calcutta on his return from leave. He was taken ill while at sea and disappeared during the early morning watch.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Middlelebro', Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderpore" left Singapore for this port on August 11 at 6 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on August 18 at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Fiume-L" (D. & Co.) sailed from Colombo on August 3, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on August 18.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama on August 12, and is due at Vancouver on August 21.

The C.P.S., "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosker, R.N.R.) is due here from Manila at 7 a.m. on August 22, and will sail for Victoria and Vancouver, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama, at noon on August 24.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on August 11, and is due here on August 29.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:-

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23	Oct. 23
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 25	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 13	Nov. 13
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 26	Nov. 29	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 4	Dec. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 25	Dec. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 22	Jan. 22
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 12	Feb. 12

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Sept. 20	Sept. 22	EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 1

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CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 28th September.	
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TACOMA MARU Saturday, 27th August.	
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JAPAN PORTS	
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
MENADO MARU Wednesday, 17th August.	
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU Thursday, 25th August, 10 a.m.	
TAKAO, KEELUNG & JAPAN.	
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	on record	on record	13/8	14/8		
West River at Shingling	+ 41.0"	0'	+23.5	falling		
North River at Taingyuen	+ 28.7"	0'	+12.9	+12.1		
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DEWANHIA	8,155	17th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASIMIR	11,120	20th Oct.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	10,945	12th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,945	26th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,945	10th Dec.	Marseilles & London
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TALAMBA	8,018	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	2nd Sept.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Sept.	
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Oct.	

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MOEVA	10,953	19th Aug.	Shanghai
TALMA	10,000	20th Aug.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NAGPORE	5,283	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NYANZA	7,023	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASIMIR	11,120	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,945	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,945	12th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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There is to be a change in the schedule in the departures from Canton, Steamboat Company's vessels from now on and until further notice leaving Canton daily at 4 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., being due here at 10 p.m.

On board the "Lungshan" which arrived last night were two members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers from Shamen who are on the sick list. They were met at the wharf by the military ambulance.

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CHARITY CRUISE.

"PATHFINDER" IN BATANES ISLANDS.

The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer "Pathfinder" has returned to Manila from a four months surveying and charting cruise in the Batanes Islands.

The surveys executed by the "Pathfinder," said one of the officers, extended as far north as the international boundary, which is defined in the Paris treaty as passing through the middle of the navigable channel of Baschi. This definition of the boundary places it eighteen nautical miles North of Yami Island, the northernmost island of the Philippines. From Yami Island the Japanese Islands of Formosa and Little Babel Tobiago can be seen across the Baschi Channel and further indications of the proximity of the Japanese Empire have been seen in the presence of small Japanese vessels which cross the Baschi Channel, apparently to fish in Philippine waters.

The history of the Batanes people is difficult to trace. It is probable that the ancestors of many of them came from China and Japan. As a whole they are an industrious people and now manage, as for centuries they have managed to subsist on their own products. The impression that these people are making is misleading. Stories telling that the people of the Batanes are starving because their rice crops have been destroyed by typhoons appear rather ridiculous after having looked at the beautifully cultivated hill sides of Batanes Island. They are in no way dependent on rice and the starvation calls for rice, which issue regularly from the Batanes, do not come from the real natives of the Batanes but from the more or less recently arrived outsiders who as yet have not learned to eat "Ubi" and must have their rice.

It is true of course that these people are isolated. Not only are they separated by a long distance from Luzon but nature seems to be making transportation, even between the islands of the group, difficult and dangerous. In the entire province there is no harbour of refuge for a vessel during a typhoon; while the strong currents and tide rips which occur between the islands make it unsafe for them to attempt communication in such of the small boats as they have. When first going to this locality in April the "Pathfinder" carried mail and 80 passengers from Basco to Ibayat Island. This was the first call of any vessel at that island for six months although the island of Ibayat is one of the largest of the group and has a population of 1,500.

However, their isolation is not so complete but that it is possible for the tax collector to reach them. In return for some of the taxes paid they of course have their schools, which apparently are good, but aside from the schools there is no return to them in the shape of roads, lighthouses, transportation, etc.

The present deplorable condition of inter-island shipping which so greatly retards development in the Philippines is doubly felt in the Batanes where, due to the extra hazards which inter-island vessels take in calling at these islands, the bribe money which has to be paid by cattle shippers to have their cattle taken to market is higher than in the islands.

The "Pathfinder" will undergo overhaul and repairs in Manila and at the same time will have a "fathometer" installed by an expert from Washington. The "fathometer" is the latest type of sounding device and its installation will greatly facilitate the charting work of the "Pathfinder."

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Passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the a.s. "President Taft" to-day were:—

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For Singapore:—Danmark. For Shanghai:—Pres. Jackson. For Kwong Chow Wan:—Chung Hing. For Canton:—Kwai Sang, Shan-tung, Cheong Shing. For Manila:—Change, Pres. Adams. For Newchwang:—Fuh Tai. For Swatow:—Mondego, Bintang. For Antau:—Tak Hing. Clearances. For Hoihow:—Taikwa Maru. For Shanghai:—A. Von Baeyer. For Saigon:—Solivien. For Manila:—West Cadron. For Takao:—Anhai.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals Departures Port.

British 0 4 25

Japanese 2 1 4

French 1 0 2

Norwegian 2 0 11

Chinese 1 3 12

Dutch 0 0 6

Danish 0 2 0

German 0 0 2

American 2 2 3

Panama 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 1

8 12 70

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Sept. 13	San Francisco	Majestic	Oct. 15	Obg-Shmptn Oct. 21
Sept. 21	Seattle	Leviathan	Oct. 22	Obg-Shmptn Oct. 28
Sept. 27	San Francisco	Olympic	Nov. 2	Obg-Shmptn Nov. 8
Oct. 6	Seattle	Berengaria	Nov. 12	Obg-Shmptn Nov. 18
Oct. 11	San Francisco	Leviathan	Nov. 16	Obg-Shmptn Nov. 22
Oct. 19	Seattle	Aquilia	Nov. 26	Obg-Shmptn Dec. 2
Oct. 25	San Francisco	Homeric	Dec. 3	Obg-Shmptn Dec. 9
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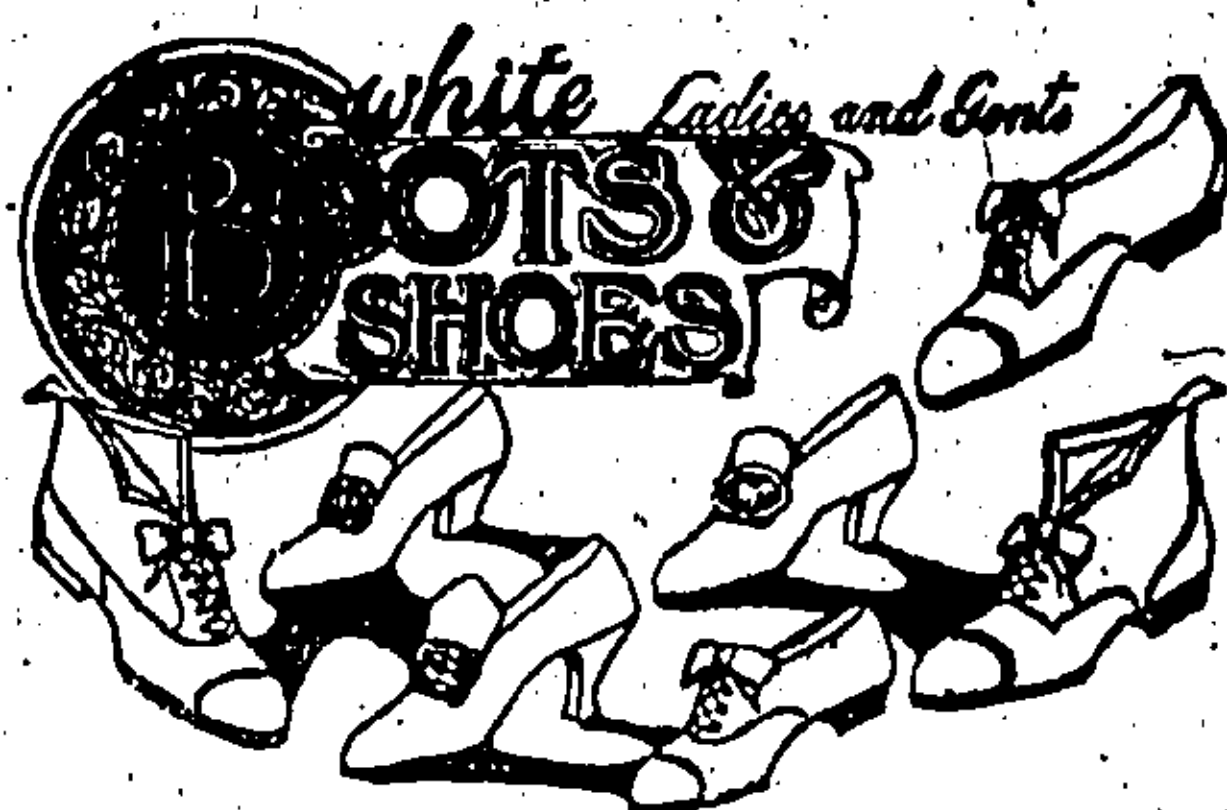
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DEATH.

SHERIDAN.—On August 9, 1927,
at the General Hospital, Shang-
hai, John Augustine Sheridan,
formerly of the Chinese Maritime
Customs and lately of the
British-American Tobacco Com-
pany, aged 56.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, August 16, 1927.

TRADE REFLECTIONS.

To dwell mentally always in
the past may sound mournful and
unsatisfying. "What might have
been" does not carry us far. The
present, and still more the future,
appeals more to us in commerce
as in everything else. But a
glance backward is at times not
without its usefulness, for there-
by we can see the mistakes and
profit by the lessons they convey,
even although the mistakes were
not of our own making. Such
reflections are but natural when
there comes to us a copy of "The
Foreign Trade of China for 1926
published by order of the In-
spectors-General of Maritime cus-
toms." That portion dealing
with Kowloon and Canton claim
first attention, and accordingly
extracts from these chapters are
reproduced in this issue of the
"China Mail" in our commercial
page.

So far as concerns Kowloon
the comments and statistics are
confined, of course, to the trade
passing through the Maritime
Customs. There was, owing to
the peculiar conditions prevailing,
a general decline in the import
trade by junks, but there were
heavy decreases in the importa-
tions of foreign piece goods,
whilst silk piece goods disap-
peared altogether. Trade by the
Kowloon-Canton Railway would
have disappeared, altogether if
the boycott of Hong Kong had
not been lifted during the last
quarter of the year. Practically
all the trade effected by rail
transportation took place at the
end of the year, and — says the
report — "if the results were not
brilliant they were at least an
encouraging indication of eager-
ness on the part of merchants to
transact business as soon as
circumstances permitted." This
bears out everything that was
said and written whilst the boy-
cott against Hong Kong lasted.
The Chinese merchant is prover-
bially for his conservatism: he
is loth to depart from "old
custom," and if the normal chan-
nels of trade are denied him he
does not exhibit too great a readi-
ness to divert his trade by cir-
cumlocutory routes. The mer-
chants in Canton had for decades
been wont to send their goods to
Hong Kong, either by rail or
steamer, to be disposed of in the
world's markets. To have done
otherwise would have been to
have ignored all their natural
geographical advantages. When
the boycott was enforced against
this Colony they found them-
selves up against intimidation and
coercion. They were not masters
in their own sphere. Even to
transport goods a few miles along
the river they had to pay imposts
both to soldiers and bandits or
pirates. Little wonder that the
boycott was not to the liking of
the Canton merchants and that,
as the Maritime Customs report
states, the little trade with Kow-
loon at the end of last year, was
"an encouraging indication of
eagerness on the part of mer-
chants to transact business as
soon as circumstances permitted."

It appears to be the primary
duty of the Canton merchants
to profit from the lessons of the
boycott. It has been asserted all
along—and now proven up to the
hilt by the report of the Maritime
Customs—that, whilst the mer-
chants in Hong Kong suffer from
a boycott those in Canton are
affected adversely to a far greater
degree. The merchants in Hong
Kong have all the protection, of
sane and just laws. Those in
Canton are between the devil of
the Labour Guilds and the deep
sea of ever-changing Govern-
ments and officials, whose only
role is that of tax imposers. The
Canton merchants may appear
quiescent under the force of cir-
cumstances, but it must inevit-
ably follow that, when all arti-
ficial restraints are removed, they
will trade with Hong Kong with
the same eagerness as before.
Where they made money before
they are likely to try to make
money again.

The Biggest Navy.

The news received by cable
yesterday that President Coolidge
has approved of material in-
creases in next year's expenditure
for American national defence,
both in the Army and Navy, be-
ing "amply provided" and that a
beginning is to be made upon the
building of six new cruisers and
other naval craft, forces to mind
the dicta of Viscount Grey some
little while ago. He was discuss-
ing the recently-concluded con-
ference on naval armament
limitations, particularly in regard
to the contemplated principle of
equality between Great Britain
and the United States in the mat-
ter of building. If, he said, such
equality was to lead to ill-feeling
between the two nations, he
would rather go back to the old
plan and say to the United
States: "We must build a Navy
of a certain size to protect Brit-
ish interests and British trade
routes, and especially trade routes
between the Cape and Australia,
which the United States does not
for a moment threaten, and if you
choose to build a larger navy and
think it necessary for your inter-
ests, we are not going to enter
into competition." He added
that it was obvious to Britain be-
fore the war that if the United
States—"the richest, the most
powerful, the most self-contained
country in the world"—desired
to build the biggest navy they
could do it. And in the light of
what happened at the Geneva
conference and the cable an-
nouncements of the United
States contemplated naval pro-
gramme, it seems that she is just
going ahead and doing it. No
other country, obviously, can
stop her if such is her intention,
and it seems that we shall have
to fall back on Viscount Grey's
advice and merely concern our-
selves with our own requirements,
letting the rest of the world
"gang its ain gate."

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE S. P. C. A.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I was very pleased to
learn from the letter of the
Honorary Secretary of the local
S.P.C.A., published to-day, of the
Society's intention of making an
appeal to the members of the
general public for greater sup-
port.

There are, no doubt some
people whose love of animals does
not extend beyond that of their
own pets, yet I feel sure that in
this Colony there must be hun-
dreds who are far from being
indifferent to the welfare of all
animals.

Many liberal donations, I be-
lieve, have been received by the
Society in the past, and while ap-
preciating the valuable support of
the generous donors, yet it is
hardly fair to expect the whole
responsibility of maintaining the
Society to fall on them. I feel
that the proposed step of inviting
as many as possible of the mem-
bers of the general public to lead
their sympathy and interest, and
to assist in furnishing the Society
with a regular source of income
annually will meet with a ready
response. To take a share in the
supporting of an active move-
ment for the benefit of our dumb
friends will be regarded by all
animal lovers as a welcome duty.

I wonder how many active
members there are on the books
of the Society. I have never seen
a list published by it yet.
I trust the Society's efforts will
result not only in greater finan-
cial, but also in numerical
strength.—Yours, etc.,

SYMPATHISER.

Hong Kong, August 15, 27.

OYSTER POACHERS.

At 3 p.m., on Sunday, eight
boats containing six men each ap-
proached the oyster bed at Pak-
lai, Nimwong, in Pingshan dis-
trict from the direction of Fook-
wing, Namtau. When challenged
by the oyster guard boats, the
crew of three of the boats opened
fire with rifles. The fire was
promptly returned by the guard
boats, and this was so effective
that the poachers beat a hasty re-
treat. They sailed back in the
direction of Namtau.

BITTEN BY CHOW.

While visiting the Swedish
Trading Company's godown, on
the beach at Kennedy Town, yester-
day, Mr. Hallgren, the man-
ager of the Company was bitten by
a "yellow" chow dog belonging to
the Indian watchman employed at
the godown. Mr. Hallgren re-
ceived treatment from a private
medical practitioner. The dog
was taken to Kennedy Town for
observation.

A FEVERED PIG.

POLICE CAPTURE DECAYED
CARCASE.

CHINESE FINED.

At the Central Magistracy yester-
day, Mr. R. E. Lindsell fined a
Chinese \$100 or two months' jail
for the unlawful possession of the
carcase of a pig which was in a
state of decay. The man was ar-
rested in Catchick Street,
Kennedy Town, carrying the car-
case in a basket on his shoulder.
He said that he was carrying the
carcase for a man named Ma Kin-
chong. However, although Ma
was present in Court, the accused
said that he did not want to call
that man as his witness.

Evidence of the condition of the
carcase was given by Dr. W. J. E.
Mackenzie, Colonial Veterinary
Surgeon, who said that the car-
case was "boned-out." An ex-
amination of the carcase revealed
that putrefaction was just begin-
ning. There were signs that the
pig had died of disease, and it
must have been in a highly fevered
condition at the time of death.
The flesh of the hind quarters
was deeply bruised, and the pork
was unfit for human consump-
tion.

It was proved that the accused
had had a previous conviction for
a similar offence, and that he had
also been in jail for larceny.

FREE EDUCATION.

WORK OF THE CHARK KWAN
SCHOOL.

At present Chinese students of
English in Hong Kong are freely
denounced as the typically suc-
cessful products of British Colon-
ial education who will not and
cannot do anything for China and
the Chinese. But this unfavour-
able criticism will become mean-
ingless when the excellent work
done by Chark Kwan Free School
is publicly known.

It is an institution for the free
education of poor Chinese child-
ren. It was established eight
years ago and has since been
maintained by young Chinese
educational exiles in this outpost
of the British Empire. There is
an Annual Subscription Campaign
in which Chinese students of both
sexes are requested to contribute
50 cents. Their response to the
appeal for the maintenance fund
of the school has always been
more generous than expected.
The money raised is entrusted to
an Executive Committee the mem-
bers of which are elected from
different schools in the Colony
once a year. In this body the
most important figures are the
Head Master, the Hon. Treasurer
and the Hon. Secretary. Since its
establishment the school has been
extremely fortunate in securing
the advice and assistance of Dr.
Lai Hsi-chi and Dr. Au Tai-tin of
Hong Kong University.

Three years ago the finance of
the school was in a state of con-
fusion. Mr. Lam Choi-chiu, B.A.,
was then elected Hon. Treasurer.
During his term of office, June
1924-May 1926, Mr. Lam was re-
sponsible for the restoring of the
school to its sound financial foot-
ing, producing, much to his credit,
the two balance sheets as shown
below. Mr. Lee Fui-long of Hong
Kong University has been his
worthy successor. Mr. Lee was
the hero who raised more than
\$2,000 in the last financial cam-
paign.

Income.
June 1924-May 1925 .. \$1,630.61
June 1925-May 1926 .. 2,221.78
June 1926-May 1927 .. 2,627.90

Expenditure.
June 1924-May 1925 .. \$1,509.41
June 1925-May 1926 .. 1,326.24
June 1926-May 1927 .. 1,820.02

This article is necessarily in-
complete without due praise to
those workers outside the Com-
mittee. Miss Ruby Lee of French
Convent and Miss Kan
Yuen Lan of St. Paul's
Girls' School, each collected
last year over \$300. To these two
enthusiastic social workers no
eulogium is more eloquent than
the wish that they may persevere
in helping their less fortunate
brethren in years to come. To
Messrs. Kan Foon-cheung, Lee
Hoi-tung, Leung King-wan,
Tsung Po-ki, who individually
contributed \$100 last year, the
school is much indebted.

The 1927 subscription cam-
paign is now on, and any donation
to the school is warmly appre-
ciated.
The Chark Kwan Year Book
has just come out and will be sent
on application to the Hon. Secre-
tary, Chark Kwan Free School,
67-69, High Street (2nd floor),
Hong Kong.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

Every family should be provided
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all
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much less time when promptly treat-
ed. Lame back, lame shoulders, pains
in the side and chest, rheumatic
pains, some of the most distressing
which it is especially valuable. It
can be purchased everywhere.

P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

The anti-Communists took con-
certed measures against the Red
sky last night.

Brown: I say, Smith, which
fisherman tells the biggest fish
stories?

Smith: Didn't know there was
any difference in them, old boy.

Brown: Oh, yes, there is. The
fisherman with the longest arms
tells the biggest fish stories.

Aunt: I am sorry I spoke
sharply to that boy. I must have
cut him to the quick.

Niece: Oh, it's all right, aunt;
he has no quick.

Aunt: Has no quick?

Niece: No! He's messenger
boy!

There was a large crowd
watching an aeroplane doing
stunts. In the front seat of the
plane was a negro. As they were
getting ready to do another stunt
the pilot yelled to the coloured
boy: "When we did that last tail
spin, fifty per cent. of the people
down there thought we were go-
ing to fall."

"Yes, boss," replied Rastus;
"an' fifty per cent. of de people
in dis yere plane thought we wuz
goin' to fall, too!"

Tramp: Please, sir, could you
kindly subscribe two shillings and
sixpence to my fund for beautify-
ing the village?

Resident: But, good heavens,
my man! How are you going to
beautify our village?

Tramp: By moving on to the
next one, sir!

Two men were seated in a
crowded tramcar, and one, noting
that the other had his eyes closed,
said: "Bill, ain't yer well?"

"I'm all right," said Bill, "but
I do 'ate to see ladies standin'!"

Billie looked very serious.
"You be lookin' glum this
mornin', Billy," remarked old
Tom. "What's up with you?"

"Got a noo hat!" replied Billy.
"A noo hat!" exclaimed old
Tom. "Well, ain't that a matter
for rejoicing?"

"Aye!" admitted Billy. "But
it's too small, and falls off if Oi
laughs!"

Irish Cab-Driver: G'wan, shake
yerself, ye moth-eaten old thing!
(Confidentially to his passenger)
—It was the 'orse I was speakin'
to ma'am!

Employer (to new boy):
You're the slowest youngster
we've ever had. Aren't you quick
at anything?

Boy: Yes, sir. Nobody can get
tired as quickly as I can.

Phrenologist: The shape of
your head, sir, suggests you are
very destructive. Are you by any
chance a soldier or boxer?

The Client: I am neither. I
am a furniture remover.

Mr. Meekin was taking his
family of 12 out for the day.
They reached the station, got
their tickets, and were rushing
towards a carriage, when their
proud parent was touched on the
shoulder by a big policeman.

"What have y'been doing?" he
asked, suspiciously.

"Me? Why, nothing!" stam-
mered poor Mr. Meekin.

"Then what's this crowd
follerin' yeh for?" asked the
policeman, waving his hand to-
wards the family.

Shopkeeper (questioning boy
for a job, as errand boy): Can
you do mental arithmetic?

Boy: Yes, sir.
Shopkeeper: Well, what would
sixty pounds of salmon at three-
pence a pound be?

Boy (promptly): Bad, sir.

"This, madam," purred the
shopkeeper, "is all wool."

"Why, then, is cotton printed
on this?" asked the customer
looking at the small printed
ticket.

"That, madam," replied the
shopkeeper, "is to deceive the
moths."

One day a boy took his aunt to
an art exhibition. They stopped
before a portrait which showed a
man sitting in a high-backed
chair. Nailed to the frame was a
small, white placard.

"What does it say on the card?"
asked the aunt.

"A portrait of J. F. Jones, by
himself."

"What fools these art people
must be," she muttered. "Any-
body can see Jones is by himself."

EUROPE TO U.S.

GERMAN PLANE OVER BRITAIN.

BARON WITH MONOCLE.

London, Yesterday.

"Iron" rations; also tea, lemons, chocolates and sausages are carried by the three men aboard the "Bremen" monoplane. The two pilots are Fritz Loose (aged 30) who was a naval pilot in wartime, and who flew, for three months in the Moroccan War, an aerial ambulance for the Spaniards. Capt. Kochi (aged 39) has a great reputation as an aerial navigator. He was twice shot down during the war. Baron von Hahnfeld, representing the North German Lloyd, who wears a monocle, is a passenger.

The "Bremen" can receive but not transmit wireless.

The latest Atlantic weather reports are by no means encouraging.

Over Britain.

The "Bremen" passed over Blackpool at 2.45 a.m. She left Dessau at 6.20 yesterday evening.

It is reported from Kingstown, near Dublin, that the "Bremen" passed over the city at 5.15 a.m. Reuter.

The "Bremen" has returned to Dessau and landed at 4.20 p.m.

Why "Bremen" Dropped Out.

The "Bremen" has flown over Ireland and in heading for Cape Race met with very heavy storms. An attempt to defy them would have meant certain death so the airman decided to return and dashed down the wind at top speed for home. The machine landed undamaged in excellent condition. The Junker Company state they will attempt again as soon as weather permits.—Reuter.

"Bremen" Returning?

Berlin, Yesterday.

The company owning the "Bremen" announces that the aeroplane was sighted at 11.15 this morning at 53.16 north latitude 1.14 east longitude proceeding in an east-south-east direction. It is believed here that the news indicates the aeroplane is returning to Germany on account of bad weather.—Reuter.

U.S. Preparations.

New York, Yesterday.

Various American cities are busy preparing for the reception of the "Bremen." Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago have indicated they intend to keep great shafts of light in the sky all night at the principal air-ports and provision will be made for an adequate supply of police. Chicago is very enthusiastic at the possibility of being the American terminus of the flight. Mayor Thomson declares that the welcome will be on a scale which will make Lindbergh's welcome at Paris seem comparatively tame.

Anticipating that the German fliers may have difficulty owing to fog Chamberlain will take off at dawn on Tuesday with a view to meeting them on the Massachusetts coast and escorting them to Mitchell Field, Long Island.—Reuter's American Service.

Terrible Night Flight.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The airman of the "Bremen" are recovering from the strain of their 22 hours' battle with the elements. Captain Kochi says they flew in a terrible night storm through impenetrable fog in thunder, lightning and rain and lost an hour on scheduled time, the wind tossing the plane badly. The machine was twice out of control though the engines were working perfectly. They were hardly able to ascertain whether they were flying over land or water. As the engines were devouring fuel alarmingly fast the airman decided to give up in view of similar weather ahead.—Reuter.

COMPRADORE HELD.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK MAN DISAPPEARS.

BELIEVED KIDNAPPED.

Shanghai, Aug. 1.

In connection with the mysterious disappearance a fortnight ago of Woo Yau-foo, compradore of the Yokohama Specie Bank, the intimation was given in one report that the victim had been kidnapped by order of an officer of the Twenty-Sixth Nationalist Army but it was definitely established yesterday that the military had nothing to do with Mr. Woo's disappearance, which now is ascribed to the activities of professional kidnappers.

Mr. Woo had been absent from his office for several days and at first it was thought he might be away on some personal business. It then was learned that he had not been at his residence or at the bank since August 1.

So far as has been announced no demands for ransom have been made, though there was a report from Chinese sources last week to the effect that a demand for half a million dollars had been made for his release.

FRIGHTENING IN THE NIGHT.

A cry in the night, gripping pain in the vitals, cramps, weakening diarrhoea, whether child or adult, there is immediate comfort and ease from pain in Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. It pays to keep it always on hand. For sale everywhere.

PLUCKY COOLIE.

STANDS UP TO SEVEN ASSAILANTS.

HOLDS ON TO ONE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield had before him a Northern Chinese charged that he, with others not in custody, caused grievous bodily harm to a coolie employed in the Netherlands Harbour Works at Kowloon City.

A story of great pluck on the part of the coolie was told. It appeared that there had recently been some trouble between the injured man and some Northern Chinese. On Saturday seven of the Northerners visited the works, and without any warning they set upon the coolie. Knives were used, and the victim received several wounds, two of which were said to be serious. The injured man held on to one of his assailants, while the others escaped.

In spite of his wounds he himself took his captive to the Police Station. On the way, while crossing the aerodrome grounds he was again set upon by the other six Northerners who had lain in wait for him, with the view of releasing their confederate. In spite of the odds, the coolie held on to his captive and blew a police whistle. This attracted several men from the aerodrome, but the six would-be rescuers of the captured man succeeded in making good their escape. The captive was eventually taken to the Police Station without further incident.

When the case was mentioned in Court yesterday, Sub-Inspector Phillips applied for a week's formal remand, which was granted. It was stated that the complainant's wounds were such that he would not be able to attend Court for two or three weeks.

MOTORIST DISCHARGED.

NO CASE OF OBSTRUCTION MADE OUT.

At the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson at "traffic time" this morning, Mr. Edward Hotung was summoned for causing an obstruction in Queen's Road Central outside the Asiatic Building on the afternoon of August 3.

Mr. H. Lo appeared for the defence and entered a plea of "not guilty."

An Indian constable said that he saw the car parked there for 15 minutes. Eventually he spoke to the defendant and asked for his driving licence, but the defendant refused to produce it.

Mr. Lo argued that he had no case to answer as it was up to the prosecution to prove that there actually was obstruction to other vehicles using the road. He submitted that no evidence of such obstruction had been offered.

Major Willson decided to hear the defendant's evidence.

Mr. Hotung, in the witness box, said that he pulled the car well into the side of the road with the two right wheels in the gutter. He did not leave the car for more than two minutes while he went to buy some chocolates.

The Magistrate decided there was conflict in the evidence and discharged the defendant.

A FATAL "DIP."

BUS CONDUCTOR DROWNED.

The report of a drowning fatality at Tingkau has been made to the police by the driver of motor bus No. 214 owned by the Ching Mei Bus Company.

According to this man, the bus left Mongkoktsui at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The bus suddenly stopped when passing Tingkau. An examination revealed that the petrol tank was dry. Leaving the conductor in charge of the bus, the driver returned on foot to Mongkoktsui to get more petrol. When he returned, the conductor was missing. A search only resulted in the man's clothing being found on the beach. As it was a very hot day, it was supposed that the conductor had decided to go in for a dip and was drowned. The boy clad only in a pair of striped cotton knickers were afterwards recovered from the sea by two fishermen, who tried artificial respiration without effect. The body was subsequently removed to the Kowloon mortuary.

The Superintendent of Customs is reported by the Chinese press of Shanghai, to have instructed the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to notify the different banks to send in full reports of their transactions with the Dalbank. Those possessing funds belonging to the bank are ordered to retain such for the present and any found sending funds to Hankow will be punished.

CINEMA NOTES.

SYD CHAPLIN AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE MAN ON THE BOX."

Among the pictures accorded a high place in the recent voting for revival nights at the Queen's Theatre was "The Man on the Box," Syd Chaplin's delightfully amusing comedy. Cinema-goers will be pleased to learn, therefore, that "The Man on the Box" is to be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day and tomorrow. Those who have already seen "The Man on the Box" need no reminder of the many comic incidents with which the film abounds—Syd Chaplin's plight when he is flung into the street in the middle of the night clad only in his pyjamas, his adventure as a cabman, his disguise as a housemaid and the other diverting episodes which make "The Man on the Box" an exceptionally funny picture.

"The Denver Dude."

Beautiful scenery forms the background for "The Denver Dude," a first-rate Western comedy featuring Hoot Gibson, which comes to the World Theatre to-day after a successful run in Kowloon. "The Denver Dude" is the story of a strong, smiling cowboy who sets off for a quiet vacation trip only to find himself involved in a series of adventures, the first of which causes him to act the part of a "dude" for the time being. Soon afterwards he falls in love with the pretty daughter of a ranch owner, but his romance is interrupted by his arrest for robbery. Aware of the identity of the real robbers, he makes his escape, attired in a kilt, while his guard is asleep, and gives chase on an untamed horse. The nature of the climax is obvious but it will delight all admirers of the genial cowboy star.

"Hands Up."

Clever burlesque and the delightful acting of Raymond Griffith combine to make "Hands Up," the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, a production which is sure to give general pleasure. The period of the story is the American Civil War, and Raymond Griffith is cast in the role of a Confederate spy entrusted with the task of diverting the enemy's gold supplies. This he succeeds in doing, only to find that he has placed himself within the law as a common robber, the war having come to a sudden end before he brought off his coup. Meanwhile he has fallen in love with two young ladies who both return his affection. They are both determined to marry him, and when they have effected his escape, he has to choose between them. How he solves this difficult problem is in keeping with the rest of an exciting and amusing picture.

HELP THE NURSES.

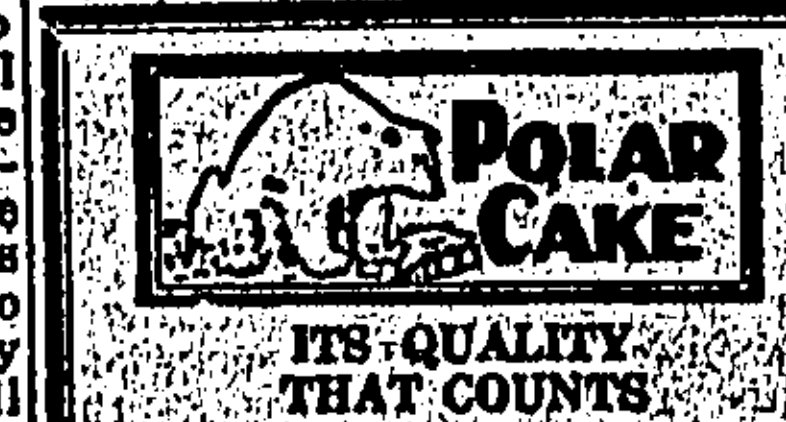
TUBERCULOSIS COLONY FOR FILIPINOS.

A campaign has been launched by the Filipino Nurses Association to raise funds for the construction of a cottage in Santol Tuberculosis colony for nurses suffering from the white plague. There are at present eight nurses afflicted with the dread malady but because of the lack of accommodation in the colony, they have to wait before they can be admitted and given proper treatment there.

This is indeed a tragedy, especially if we bear in mind that these "ministering angels," when they were full of health and life, ever were ready to assist others in sickness or distress. The community owes a debt of gratitude to these nurses. Here is an excellent opportunity to repay that debt in part by contributing a small sum for the construction of that cottage.

The cottage when built will be set aside exclusively for nurses contracting tuberculosis. Statistics show that of the 47 nurses who have died 27 were victims of tuberculosis, an average of more than 57 per cent. This is due to the nature of their work, coupled with the fact that the majority of them are underpaid. Calls they have to answer even when they are already tired, close contact with sick people, poor living conditions and inadequate food in some of the places where they work—these tend to weaken their vitality and make them susceptible to disease, especially tuberculosis.

It will be seen that the funds to be raised will go toward an act of humanity. The cottage to be built will serve as a monument to the gratitude of the community and recognition of the humanitarian work nurses are doing in the country.



MORE TO SAY.

WITNESS GOES ON AFTER CASE FINISHES.

Inspector Cotton this morning summoned the Indian driver of motor car No. 1965 for dangerous driving. He said at 8.30 p.m., on August 4, he was standing outside the Star ferry wharf in plain clothes when he saw the car drive round the traffic post at 10 miles per hour and pull up outside the wharf. A boat had just come in and a lot of passengers were leaving the wharf at the time. They were scattered by the defendant's car. When the witness spoke to the driver, a European came out of the car and said to the witness, "If you don't like it you can report to the police."

Mr. F. M. Crawford, who was in the car at the time, said the car went round the lamp standard as slow as it possibly could. When a man spoke to the driver and told him that he had been driving dangerously, the witness told him that it was all nonsense. The witness told the man to summons the driver, whereupon the latter informed him that he was a police Inspector. The witness then said, "Well then, you know what to do."

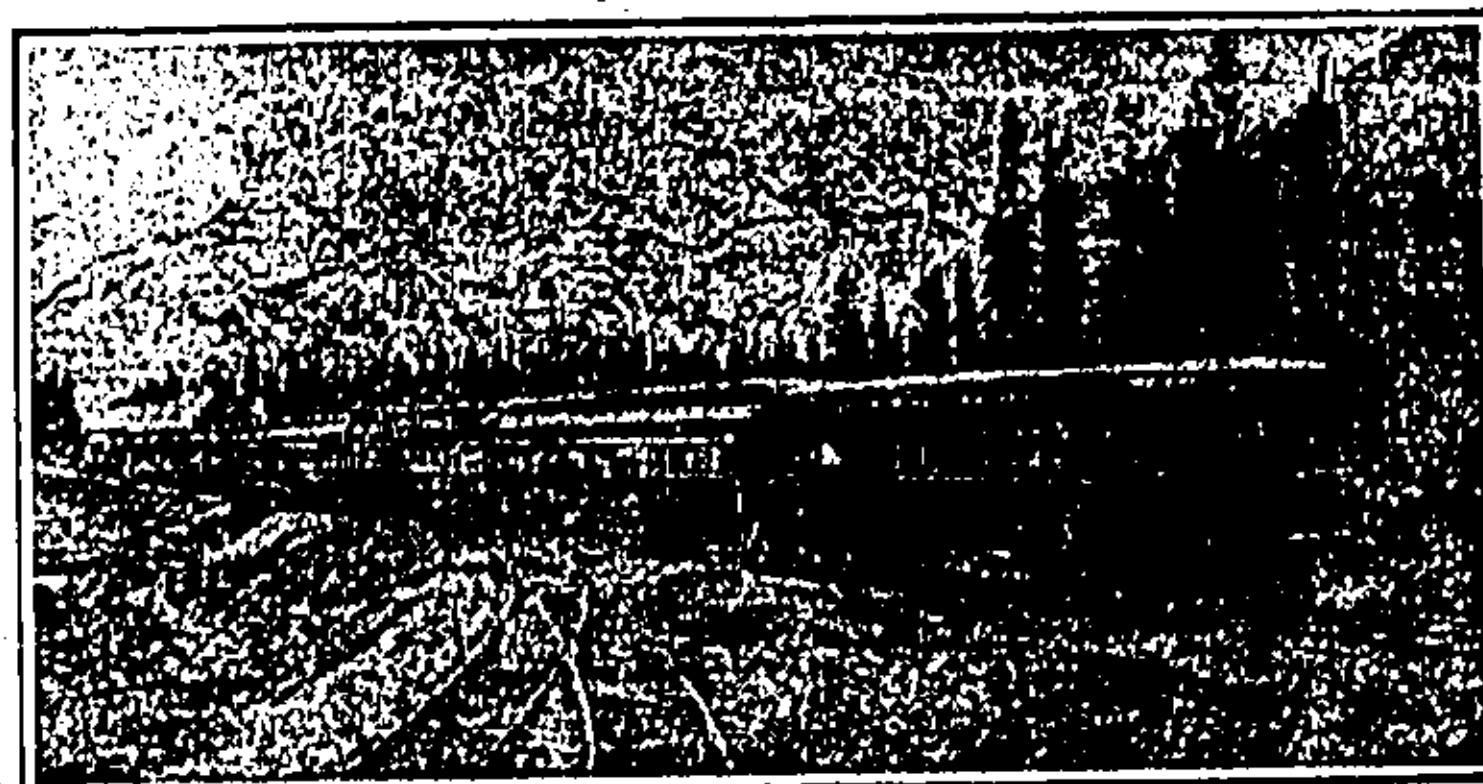
The Magistrate said he thought the Inspector was in a better position to see what actually happened than a person in the car, and convicted the defendant, imposing a fine of \$10.

Major Willson: I understood that you had said all you had to say in the witness box.

Mr. Crawford: I did not say all, because I understood that I was going to be cross-examined.

He proceeded to say that the speed at which the car was going was so slow that there was no danger of anyone being injured. Even if the car did hit anyone, the impact would have amounted to a slight touch.

This did not alter his Worship's decision.



C.P.R.'s New Mountain Car

One of the first photographs of the new type of mountain observation car being used successfully this season by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The car is seen attached to the rear of the Trans-Canada, the crack summer trans-continental of the C.P.R., just as it is about to leave behind the lofty peaks that surround the mountain resort of Banff.

The new type of open-air car replaces the open-top type used in former years and is considered far superior on account of the roof which offers ample protection from the sun or from a passing shower. The central portion of the car is enclosed in glass and heated. This new departure in observation cars thus caters to the varied wishes of the passengers.

DEATH PACT.

SAD AUCKLAND TRAGEDY.

Auckland, July 4.

A tragedy involving four deaths was revealed to-night, when police entered a bungalow at Mount Albert (a western suburb of the city), and found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kiddell, their daughter Laura, and a man believed to be their son Collen, with bullet wounds in their heads. The three first-named arrived in Auckland on June 11, as saloon passengers on the steamer "Remuera" from England. They rented a house and entered into possession on June 18. Their son, already in the Dominion, was working on a farm in the Wellington district.

No one had been seen about the house since June 30. Neighbours noticed that the electric lamps were continually alight in a front room, and informed the police. Apparently all had been dead nearly a fortnight. Kiddell and his wife were in a double bed, and the presumed son was on the floor alongside with a .32 calibre Winchester repeating rifle beside him. The daughter (who was about 20 years of age) was on a couch in the front room.

Domestic Troubles.

Auckland, July 5.

An investigation of the Mount Albert tragedy to-day revealed that Kiddell, senior, and not his son (as was at first thought) was the author of what is believed to have been a death pact. The body on the bedroom floor alongside the rifle, which was in the first place supposed to be that of the son, proved to be that of the father. Identification was obtained by an inspection of the passport. The body in bed alongside Mrs. Kiddell was that of the son Collen. The tragedy was prearranged. Domestic troubles are mentioned in a letter addressed to the police, details of which have not yet been divulged. The ages of the dead people are: Husband 57; wife, 56; daughter, 27; son 25. The son Collen came to New Zealand about five years ago. He was a farm labourer at Taranaki until recently, when he took over a farm on his own account in the Wellington district. The father, who was a retired British Customs officer, came to join his son on the farm, accompanied by his wife and daughter Laura. The voyage out was unhappy. The daughter, a studious, accomplished girl, had held a good position as a school teacher in Cardiff, and came to New Zealand unwillingly. She was of a peculiar temperament, and her nervous condition was aggravated on the voyage by the unwelcome prospect of living on a farm. The son was also of a strange disposition, although cheerful. He developed a melancholy turn when he went to his own farm.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

August 16—Queen's Theatre; "The Man on the Box."

August 16—World Theatre; "The Denver Dude."

August 16—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Our Cabaret in "A La Carte" 9.30 p.m. "Hands Up," 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.

August 22—Social Service for Service men on the roof of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

October 1—H.K. & W.G. & M.C.L.'s "Fun o' The Fair," Lee Gardens.

Lammert's Auctions.

August 16—Sale of 2,500 stamps at Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

August 19—At Lammert Bros.' Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

August 16—Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association meeting, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's boardroom, 5.30 p.m.

August 18—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., Liquidators Office, 3, Queen's Road Central, H. K. noon.

August 22—Meeting of Shareholders of M.Y. San Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), to confirm resolution passed at previous meeting, Queen's Road, Central, 2.30 p.m.

August 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Football Club (rugby section), in Union Bldg., Pedder St. (4th floor), 5.30 p.m.

August 26—Fortieth annual meeting of members of the H.K. Football Club, in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (top floor), 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 18—University Bathing Platform to Clear Water Bay. The "Stanley" leaves Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

August 18—Night fete at Victoria Recreation Club, when first class Australian stars passing through to Japan will also compete.

August 21—Band of the 1st Queen's Royal Regt. will play at evening service at St. John's Cathedral.

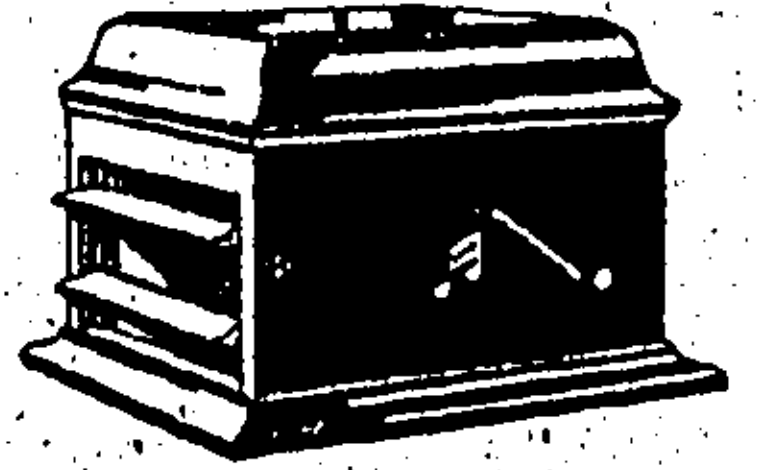
August 21—First rehearsal for Chorus of German's Opera Merrie England, at Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

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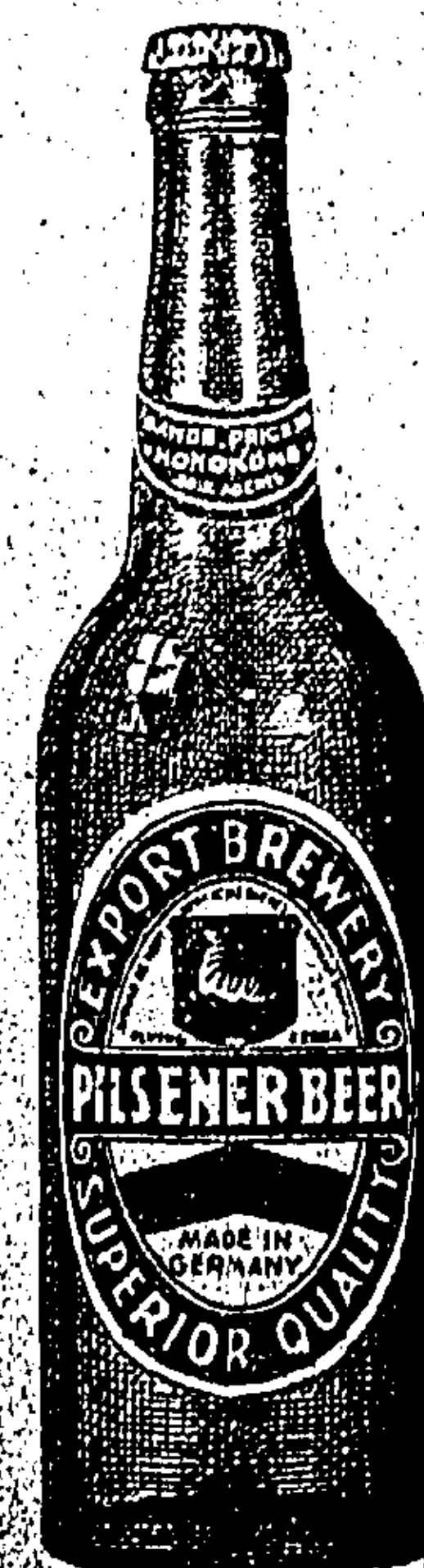
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Hankow papers state that, in the Nam Shek Tau jail, which is being used chiefly for the detention of Communist prisoners, there are now over seven thousand persons confined.

Messrs. Lammet Bros. are auctioning a valuable collection of curios, old pictures, embroideries, etc., at their sales room in Duddell Street on Friday next, August 19, at 2.30 p.m.

There is to-day actually one motor vehicle to every two white adults in Kenya Colony, and registration figures show an increase of 100 per cent during the past three years, and nearly 40 per cent. during 1926.

When completed the new coke and gas plant in Montreal will have an annual capacity of approximately 350,000 tons of coke, 6,500,000,000 cubic feet of gas, 3,500,000 gallons of tar, and 10,000,000 lbs. of ammonium sulphate. The plant will be erected on a 70-acre site, and will include a by-product plant for the sulphate.

"The whining schoolboy" has disappeared, and truancy is well-nigh non-existent," declared Mr. A. Saywell, of London, at the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers. In a strong condemnation of the old system of examinations, he said that to impart knowledge by force was as unrighteous as forcible feeding.

The premiums collected on industrial policies during 1925 by 18 industrial assurance companies and 181 collecting societies amounted to \$45,209,000, and \$9,100,000 accrued as interest on investments, states the report of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner for 1926. The income from various sources was \$700,000, making a total of \$55,000,000.

Mr. Charles Ford, formerly Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department in Hong Kong, who died at home on July 14, was eighty-three years of age. When he arrived in the Colony the hillside of the island were almost bare of vegetation save for scattered patches of scrub and rough grass. When he left in 1902, after a service of 31 years they were to a large extent covered with forest trees, presenting the picture of charm and beauty which never fails to excite admiration. Mr. Ford was a keen and accomplished botanist and in the course of botanical explorations into the adjoining province of Kwantung he discovered hitherto unknown plants. He was elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London in December, 1885.

While Frederick Biddlecombe, aged 15, of Wood Green, N., was hauling the rope of a lift in Woolworth's Stores, Southend, the rope snapped and the lift descended fatally crushing the boy.

Li Ting-lien, whilst waiting to be handed over to the military authorities, he having been found guilty of crimes committed in the Settlement, committed suicide in Ward Road Jail, Shanghai.

Consternation exists among Chinese in Shanghai native city over the fact that a black snake, measuring fully seven feet, was seen in the Wu Sheng Kung Temple, near the Great East Gate, during a thunderstorm. Efforts were made to catch it, but it escaped.

The recent elections of the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce having been declared null and void, new elections will take place on August 19, when representatives of the Nationalist Government and the Kuomintang will attend to supervise the proceedings.

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, through its board of directors, has appropriated \$10,000 towards the construction of a tomb for the martyrs of the May 30 Incident, 1925, in response to requests made by Messrs. Feng San-sai, Yu Yah-ching and Chen Sin-chun, stated a report in the Shanghai vernacular press. The tomb is to be erected in Chapel.

\$147,500 is mentioned as the price in connection with arrangements which are in progress for the purchase of freehold property, formerly part of the grounds of the British Empire Exhibition, for the establishment of a great British film studio. It is claimed that it will be the largest film studio in the world, and three big feature films a week is the estimate of the possible production.

In connection with the rate controversy between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, the Chinese press reports that the Amalgamated Association of Street Unions received a telegram from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that the Shanghai Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, has been instructed to take up this matter.

According to an announcement in the Chinese press, Shanghai, the drive organised for the promotion of the sale of goods of Chinese manufacture advanced another stage when a fête was held in the Pei Sung Yuan Garden, near the South Gate, when a programme of singing and dancing was provided and advantage taken of the gathering to further the cause named.

A fine of \$2 was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning on a young Chinese who was charged with riding a bicycle on the wrong side of Nathan Road.

The centenary of the invention of the reaping machine by the Rev. Dr. Patrick Bell was marked by a special thanksgiving service in the little parish church at Carmyllie, Forfarshire, of which Dr. Bell was minister from 1843 to 1869.

The American Consulate-General is interested in securing information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Alexander Kaufman, who formerly resided at No. 23 Chaufoong Road. Information in this regard will be appreciated.

Several days ago Shanghai Chinese merchants protested against the collection of a special tax of 20 per cent. on cigarettes sent to Wuhu, the luxury tax of 50 per cent. for which had been paid, and replies now have been received from Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and the Ministry of Finance in Nanking, saying that they have forbidden the general in charge of the city to collect the special tax and have ordered him to release the consignments which he detained.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, a Chinese farmer was charged with the theft of two sheets of corrugated iron from the Kowloon City rifle range on Sunday. According to Sub-Inspector Phillips, the iron was used by the military as bullet proof shields, to protect riflemen using the upper section of the range. These sheets of iron have constantly been stolen, and it constituted a danger to those on the other side of the shield. It might result in death if a bullet penetrated the barrier. Accused who pleaded "guilty" was sentenced to two months' jail.

The following letter from West Africa, addressed to "Master Voice, City of England," recently was delivered at the London office of the Gramophone Co.:—"Honoured and Respectable Master Voice.—With greatest emotion I write to you for I am sometimes hear you am fattest and fairest trader in City of England. I myself too am Englishman my father he am one big trader johnny once dead by fever and my mother am one pure Lagos gal I beseech you on knee Master Voice send me one big catalogue of you worthy gramophones and worshipfully send me one bible for convert heathens.—Yours Faithful Friend, Kereky Ladikoy."—It will be a drab world, after all, when education brings about the disappearance of English as she is spoken and written by the West African native—and others.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Ronald G. MacDonald has accepted an invitation to join the Shanghai Municipal Economy Committee.

Satisfactory reports have been heard of Mr. J. F. Macgregor and Mr. J. K. Brand, who have been on the sick list.

A wedding has been arranged between George Wilfrid Cockburn, of Shanghai, and Mary Leonie Storer, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Storer, of Sheffield, to take place on August 20, at St. Joseph's Church at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Drake left on the C. P. O. s.s. "Empress of Canada" for six months' holiday, which will be spent largely in travel through America and Europe. They expect to return to Shanghai in January.

Mr. J. R. Jones has returned to Shanghai after a short but most interesting holiday in the north, in the course of which he has visited most places worth seeing and interviewed most of the people in any way accessible.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B., Senior Secretary of the London Missionary Society, arrived in Shanghai by the "Empress of Russia." Mr. Hawkins will attend the meetings of the China Advisory Council of the London Missionary Society and as far as possible visit the districts and union institutions in which the L.M.S. has interests.

Dr. Wang Ching-wel, Minister for Justice for the Nanking Government has called a conference of all judges of criminal courts under his control for August 20 for the purpose of discussing the abolition of the procurator, revision of the present judicial system and revision of the prison system. Dr. Wang will welcome suggestions from the public on these proposals.

A large party of private and government-supported Chinese students, including the annual batch from Tsinghua College, who are due to leave this month for America to continue their education, were guests at a reception given in Dr. C. C. Wu's garden, 28 Gordon Road, Shanghai, on the 14th. In attendance were the American University Club, the American University Women's Club, the World's Chinese Students' Federation, the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Chinese Y.W.C.A., and other local organisations.

Dr. S. D. Joffick, M.D., has left Shanghai for Japan for a holiday and will return in early September.

Mr. A. M. Preston, the Shanghai lawyer, has left for Tsingtau on holiday by the str. "Dairen Maru."

Sir Claud and Lady Severn have given up their house in London and are now residing at Ewelme Old Rectory, Wallingford, Berks.

The late Dr. James Cyril Dalhousie Allan, M.D. (44), late of Victoria, Hong Kong, left personal estate in Great Britain valued at \$5,379.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. W. R. Cannell, who since his arrival here from up-country has been associated with St. Peter's Church and the Seamen's Institute, and Miss M. C. Macoun, missionary, residing at the Home for the Blind, Kowloon City Road.

Among passengers who arrived at Shanghai by train from Nanking were Messrs. Chu Ming-nyi and Lu Shing-yuen, the former a member of the Central Educational Committee of the Nanking Government and the latter Chief of the Provisional Court of Shanghai who has been to Nanking for the purpose of conferring on important matters affecting the conduct of the Court.

Mr. G. Ansell, R.N., Mr. A. S. Arm, Capt. J. Beck, Lt.-Commander E. L. Berthon, Lt. C. Crawshaw, D.S.C., R.N., Miss (Dr.) Douglas, Mr. T. Fletcher, Comdr. J. Higgins, R.N., Mrs. J. Higgins, Mr. H. P. Kernick, Sub-Lt. R. P. Lonsdale, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin, Miss (Dr.) McBean, Miss M. J. Munro, Miss E. D. S. Shields, Mr. R. C. Scott, Mr. T. Tallon are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday by the P. and O. s.s. "Morea."

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday between Staff-Sergeant Andrew Brown, D.C.M., of the Indian Service Corps, and Miss Daisy M. Bower, daughter of Mr. Q.M.S. W. Bower and Mrs. Bower of 11A, Kennedy Road. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by the Misses Cynthia and Grace Bower, Q.M.S. Moss, R.A.S.C. M.S.M. was best man. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiated. Many friends of the bridegroom and the bride and her family were present.

Having recovered sufficiently to leave hospital, Mr. Vaughn Brydone Jack sailed on the C.F.O. s.s. "Empress of Canada."

M. E. Naggar, the Shanghai French Consul-General, has been promoted to the rank of Officer of the Legion of Honour.

Mr. W. D. N. Neil and Mr. J. R. Milligan have sailed for a short holiday in Japan, but arrangements have been made for the Gnome to continue winning races in their absence.

The promotion of Lieut.-Colonel George Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., in command of the Royal Marine battalion on special service in China, to the rank of Colonel Second Commandant is the result of the vacancy caused by the promotion of Colonel Second Commandant Charles L. Mayhew, of the Chatham Division.

Mr. Ku Hung-ming, the famous scholar and reformist, has gone to Peking for about a month. He has stated:—"I should like to devote my declining years towards the restoration of the Oriental civilisation. It would be a fine idea to organise something like an Oriental League with a select party of Chinese and Japanese."

There are 1,938 foreign and Chinese doctors in Peking, according to the estimates of the police authorities. Among these, there are 873 old-fashioned Chinese doctors, 460 with some knowledge of Western medicine, 125 Chinese women doctors, 240 foreign, and 238 foreign women doctors. This list does not include the names of foreign or Chinese nurses.

Among the promotions to major-general announced by the War Office appears the name of Col. S. E. Holland, formerly of the Rifle Brigade, and now of the General Staff. Col. Holland was present at the relief of Ladysmith and won distinction in the later war. He was liaison officer with the French troops in Belgium and general officer to Viscount (then Sir) Edward Grey when he was commanding the Third Army. He is one of the few senior officers of the British Army who believed in Christian Science to which his attention was drawn after being given up by specialists when suffering from consumption on his return from the South African War.

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SPORTS

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BIG SEPTEMBER EVENT ENTRIES.

The following entries for the St. Leger, to be run at Doncaster on September 7, have been received from Mr. Frank Hayton. Against each horse is Mr. Hayton's present "price." Adam's Apple (16-1), Bythorne (33-1), Buckfast (8-1), Bold Archer (25-1), Booklaw (4-1), Chantry (11-2), Curialis (50-1), Damon (20-1), Double Barrel (20-1), Dark Anthony (20-1), Hassan (8-1), Hot Night (16-1), Kincardine (12-1), Jugo (50-1), Lone Knight (25-1), Money Maker (22-1), Messenger Boy (31-1), Restigouche (50-1), Shamroo (9-1), Silver Dancer (25-1), Silver Stead (25-1), Son and Heir (25-1), Steadman (38-1), Tattoo (8-1), Chichester Cross (66-1), Terra Set (100-1), Treat (20-1).

LOCAL WATER POLO.

WINS FOR V.R.C. AND ROYAL NAVY.

Two matches played in the Water Polo League last evening resulted in wins for the V.R.C. "A" and the Royal Navy, against the Kowloon School "B" and the Scots Guards respectively.

In the first match the V.R.C. scored eight goals, six of which were netted in the first half. Shortly before the interval, Lyon retired from the V.R.C. side suffering from a scratch over the eye received during a scramble for the ball.

The teams in the second match were more evenly matched and after a hard and fast fight, the Navy won by the odd goal in three.

Services' Championship will be held at Thursday night's swimming fete at the V.R.C. Each year this event has received the support of both services but this year, notwithstanding the additional troops in the Colony, the V.R.C. committee has received poor response from services.

Up to date there have been only one entry received and should there be no further participants are race will be cancelled.

LOCAL RUGBY.

MEETING NEXT MONDAY.

A meeting of the above will be held in Union Building, Pedder Street, 4th Floor (by kind permission of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), on Monday next, August 22 at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members and intending members will make an effort to attend as the object of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming season, and to consider proposals prior to submitting the same to the general meeting of the Football Club on Friday, August 26. Arrangements have practically been completed for the use of a ground and a comprehensive series of matches involving all H.M. Forces stationed in the Colony is contemplated.

BASEBALL PROTEST.

DECISION TO-DAY.

The protest made by the Filipino Baseball Club against the Dragon (S.C.A.A.) Baseball Club in regard to the playing of one of the visiting Honolulu men last week by the latter, was discussed at a meeting held at the American Consulate yesterday. Both sides set forth their contentions and the committee's decision will be announced to-day. The committee comprised Messrs. Burrell, Alves and Hachluma.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

ELIMINATION MATCH FOR FOURTH PLAYER.

New York, Yesterday. Francis Hunter, Lewis White, John Degg, John Hennessey and George Lot have been selected to play a series of trial matches in order to determine the fourth member of the Davis Cup team, of which it is assumed the three chief members will be Tilden, Johnston and Williams.—Reuter's American Service.

RUNNING RECORD.

SOUTH AFRICAN'S FINE FEAT.

Buluwayo, Yesterday. The South African Arthur Newton ran 60 miles in 48 minutes 55 seconds, beating the world's record by over 49 minutes. It is claimed that Newton now holds all the world's records between 30 and 100 miles.—Reuter.

HOME CRICKET.

NEW ZEALANDERS WIN EASILY.

London, Yesterday. The New Zealanders defeated Derbyshire by an innings and 240 runs. Derby scored 129 and 172. The visitors made 541 for nine wickets and declared. (Score 176, Mills 100 not out).—Reuter.

SHANGHAI RACES.

AUTUMN SEASON TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

The first Inter-Club Race meeting of the Shanghai Race Club and the International Recreation Club, postponed from April 9, will be held on Saturday, September 17, when the autumn season will officially open according to an announcement from the Race Club Secretary, Mr. A. W. Olsen.

The next races of the new season will be the Fourth and Fifth Extra meetings of 1927 on Saturday, October 1 and 15. Entries for the Inter-Club meeting, close at the Grand Stand at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, and for the latter two on Saturday, September 24.

The big Autumn Race Meeting will be held this year on November 7, 8, 9 and 12, with entries closing on October 12.

IS BOXING BRUTAL SPORT?

REPLY TO SIR HALL CAINE.

London, July 11. The condemnation by Sir Hall Caine of the recent Walker-Milligan boxing match undoubtedly has a wide repercussion, writes Lt.-Col. the Hon. Cuthbert James, C.B.E., M.P.

Actually there are two aspects for consideration: The particular one of the Walker-Milligan contest, and the general aspect of boxing and boxing contests.

As regards the first, there seems to be no question that the fight between Milligan and Walker was hard and clean, that their physical condition was perfect, that in the earlier stages they were not unevenly matched that later the cooler head and greater skill of Walker, as compared with the wild impetuosity of Milligan—who, regardless of consequences, though put down time and again, rose to his feet and hurled himself into the fray, not trusting to defence at all—proved too much for Milligan, whose display of pluck is admitted to have been beyond all praise.

Hostile Criticism. According to the hostile critics, the arena was a shambles, the combatants reeking and stained with gore, the fight should have been stopped, and so on.

It is a commonplace in boxing for a man, seemingly well beaten, to get, as it were, his second wind, to come again and gain the victory. In a match the sole competent arbiter on the question whether a contest should follow its normal course is the referee—who is well aware that if a fight has a fatal issue he, the officials, and the promoters may be called on to stand their trial on a charge of manslaughter.

In this instance, the referee is known as a man of ripe experience and the coolest judgment, and therefore it is evident that in his opinion Milligan was fit and strong enough to continue without twenty-four hours' rest in bed, a slight headache, a trifling discoloration of the eyes, and a scratch or two, it is probable that Milligan a couple of days later was just as other men, but several degrees fitter. No ill results have ensued, so the judgment of the referee is vindicated.

The Best In Man. To turn to boxing in its general aspect. It is well to realise that boxing brings out the best in man rather than the worst. It teaches self-control of temper, of muscular action, of habits.

None the less, it is idle to pretend that all is well with boxing. It is to be regretted that so few of its exponents give evidence of a thorough grounding in "first principles" that in every other sport are so insistently drummed into the learner.

Second, there are a few men taking part in professional exhibitions whose methods, if not actually foul, go very close to the border-line; who by hitting low, butting, striking with the open glove, etc., when they hope they are on the blind side of the referee, do not a little to bring the sport into discredit.

The commercialisation of the sport is an infinite pity. Very often one receives the impression that the result has been squared, and the spoils have been shared.

Incidents of this character leave a bad taste in the mouth, and it would certainly be greatly to the advantage of the sport in general were it possible for the Board of Boxing Control, and the other authorities, who deal with the machinery of boxing to put their heads together and formulate a series of proposals to eliminate them and similar abuses.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE BASEBALL.

London. The first baseball match ever played between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge at Stamford Bridge resulted in a 10-1 victory for Oxford, whose team is reputed to be the champions of England.

FENCING.

INCREASING POPULARITY AS A SPORT.

THE JOY OF FIGHTING.

Fencing as a source of recreation amongst village boys and young men is winning its way towards popularity.

In a small hamlet in Buckinghamshire there is an old barn, finely timbered with adze-hewn oak rafters. It may be 300 years old and has a firm and level threshing floor. The owner had always intended to use this barn as a salle d'armes. Foils and epees adorned the walls, and the members of the local football club asked to be introduced to the art.

The first lessons were with the foil, and as soon as foot and hand work and the usual attacks and parries were mastered the proceedings terminated each night with a little loose play. This was always with the instructor, and thus formed an advanced lesson and taught the boys initiative. A very prolonged period of teaching on the plastron has its advantages, but it is dull and discouraging to the pupil, and the result frequently is that when he is first promoted to loose play he is completely lost and does not know what to do. The method adopted for the village boys purposely kept clear of the disadvantages usually encountered in the orthodox method of teaching.

Recklessness Discouraged. The lessons soon brought to the pupils varied and interesting footwork and the added joy of actual fighting. The teaching was based on the admirable treatises by M. J. Renaud. Pools followed nightly, and in order that reckless fighting should be discouraged, each fight was decided by a single hit. In some of these pools the boys had the great advantage of fighting Mr. Montgomerie, Mr. Bond, and other experienced swordsmen.

The next step was to arrange matches with strangers. The first fight, which was in London, was with a team selected by M. Paul, who lent the use of new salle recently opened by him in conjunction with M. Morel. In this match the village team were beaten after a good fight by 14 hits to 22. Their principal faults were exposure of the hand and wrist, and a failure to follow up a parried attack by an immediate attack suite. Instead of this, the village boys were too apt to allow the opponent to recover himself and return on guard before delivering a return attack, with the natural results of a stop hit.

The next match was in the village, rival side being the Ebury Club. The Buckinghamshire boys were victorious, beating the visitors by 2 hits in the last round. Other encounters followed in quick succession, and the improvement shown by the village boys was most marked. Hand and arm were better covered, and due attention was paid to sound preparation before launching a serious attack.

The value of fencing has been comprehensively dealt with, and all that need be done here is to advocate its adoption as a village sport. Fencing stimulates individuality. Although all the village boys have received the same training, they have evolved very different styles. Two of them, who are tall, strong lads, fence with great determination, with good defence, and with points well in line, relying on strong, if somewhat slow, attacks with sword well in opposition.

Another fences close, after the manner of the English epee fencers of twenty years ago. Another is obviously by nature a foil fencer. He is a small boy with a neat and finished style, and does not forget an occasional feint attack. Another fences open, inviting attack, with the object of delivering a stop thrust or an attack en courrant in the modern French style. Another has evidently modelled his style on that of Mr. Montgomerie, who has on more than one occasion been kind enough to fence with the boys. It was this member of the team who won a small cup fought for by the boys in their club pool.

A High Spirit of Honour. A game which stimulates individuality to this extent is good. It also trains hand and eye as few games do. It is played in summer and winter. It requires hard work and high spirit of honour. It can be played with success by young and old. It was available for workers who have small leisure for games. Its popularity has been proved by the enthusiasm of the boys, and the interest taken by the village in fights with cold steel.

The obstacles to fencing as a village sport are the expense of the outfit and the difficulty of obtaining amateur instruction. The last drawback should not arise in the neighbourhood of towns in which there would, surely, be some fencer ready to help the good cause. The cost of equipment can also be overcome.

Many fencers have disused jackets, masks, and weapons, and most salles d'armes have at hand much that is little better than lumber, but as gifts to village clubs would be invaluable.

The success such as it has been of the Buckinghamshire experiment appears to prove that neither of these difficulties is insurmountable. The keenness of the boys and the great interest shown by the villagers, who come in considerable numbers and watch each match with close attention, prove that the general idea that fencing is an unpopular sport is a mistake. Foil fencing is undoubtedly an artificial game which appeals to few. Epee fencing, on the other hand, is the replica of the duel, and there are no rules which would not govern a fight with sharp swords. A match with the epee is, therefore, followed with interest by everyone who loves a straight fight and cold steel.—"Observer."

MANILA STREAK WINS.

EX-BANTAM CHAMPION BEATEN.

Chicago, June 24. Ignacio Fernandez, of Manila, knocked out Abe Attell Goldstein, former bantamweight champion, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten round bout here to-night.

Wins Easily. The Filipino bantamweight made short work of the ex-champion. Goldstein fell an easy victim to the Filipino's sharp right crosses to the chin. In the sixth round, he went down for a count of nine. Filipinos in the audience applauded wildly when Goldstein was led to his corner. The bell saved him. Short right crosses in the seventh round speedily polished off the former champion.

IRISH LAWN TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES JUBILEE.

Dublin. This year the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, founded by ten Dublin men in 1877, celebrates its Jubilee. The Irish Open Championships which have been held under its auspices since 1879 have been granted international status in honor of the occasion. Among those who will challenge for the title, held by the French player, H. Landry, is Gerald Patterson, the famous Australian player.

As a social event of Dublin life, the Fitzwilliam tournaments rival the Horse show.

TILDEN IN LONDON.

London, July 12. Seven years have passed since I was here last, writes W. T. Tilden. Seven years have made an appreciable change in me, and, I think, to some extent in the general outlook of the London public, but little or no change in the City itself. A short period of time like that can have no effect on this mighty monument of England's grandeur.

There is perhaps a little less tolerant friendliness in the public manner toward Americans, but underneath this surface irritation, due in great part to the stupid actions of many of my countrymen in making fools of themselves in England, there is still the grave courtesy friendliness which I found here before.

I notice that, even as we in the United States are acquiring English slang in our conversation, many Americans are gaining a foothold here. Much of this is due no doubt to the success of various American plays, notably, I think, "Is Zat So?"

To me the London stage is delightful. I find so much finish and charm in the production in London.

WOMEN CRICKETERS.

London. Announcement of the formation of a "Women's Cricket Association" indicates the remarkable growth of feminine interest in England's national summer game. Women claim, however, that it is merely a re-awakening, because women have played cricket since the earliest days of the game. It is on record that in 1743 a game was played at Finsbury between the "Maid of Westdean and Chilgrove" and the "Maid of Singleton and Charlton."

Claim is also made on behalf of women cricketers that a woman, Miss Wiles, daughter of John Wiles of Maidstone, Kent, developed the idea of over-arm bowling in 1840, and men cricketers soon raised the possibilities of the method and adopted it.

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OXFORD AND WOMEN.

A RETROGRADE STEP?

The decision at Oxford to limit the number of women students at the University is not generally approved. The "Scotsman" perhaps makes the best case in favour of the proposals when it states:—

"It is well that a decision should have been taken now and misunderstandings avoided for the future. It may be dangerous to make a display of forbidden fruit since Eve will never be content till she gets it, but the risk must be taken if the traditional character of the University and its influence on the national life are to be maintained. A large influx of women students would transform the character of the University."

"It cannot be said that the practice of other Universities in admitting women freely to their classes provides a precedent to warrant Oxford in submitting to a feminine invasion. While it may be admitted that women—a small but select band out of many—have justified the Universities in admitting them, there is good reason for maintaining the older Universities as Universities mainly for men."

A Special Contribution.

"They make a special contribution to education which cannot be made by a 'mixed' University. AM Universities are now to some extent 'mixed' but it is well that Oxford and Cambridge should be in a position to offer men students what is almost an alternative form of education that would disappear if women were granted unrestricted admission."

"The women have been working—have they not captured the New Digest?—and now the men are weeping—because feminism threatens definitely to swamp their venerable and undoubtedly man-made academy," asserts the "Evening News" of London.

"We venture, somewhat diffidently, to suggest that women would still prefer to find themselves confronted by a galaxy of male undergraduates so ardent in pursuit of scholarships, so robust in their ideas and so virile in the maintenance of its intellectual supremacy as to admit of no rivalry and very little infiltration by the obviously weaker sex."

"Actually the women are discovering that they can easily be dominant and are rapidly becoming the dominant sex in every sphere of life that they choose to invade, and they incline to be a shade waspish when they find the men, whom they would still prefer to admire and look up to, sheltering their inefficiency behind statutes and seeking to keep Oxford predominantly to themselves by advancing the ingenious plea that they thought of it first."

"The world is now approaching the close of the third decade of the twentieth century—and the authorities of Oxford University have just decided, by a substantial majority, to limit the number of women in residence at the colleges," says the "Daily Herald."

"Such a gesture, whilst it rivals the exhibition which King Canute staged on the sea-shore for his more backward courtiers, sadly lacks the inner wisdom of the Danish monarch's little objection: it is a feeble and arbitrary decision, an attempt to make an educational centre safe for men by statute. And, in the nature of things, it is not likely to remain long unchallenged."

"Among the older English Universities, Oxford has to its credit the distinction of having given degrees to women graduates, whilst

Cambridge still averts its eyes from such subversive proceedings. But Oxford has to its great discredit this latest attempt to ration scholastic honours.

Sex Prejudices.

"Surely, in these days of women's emancipation, attitudes of this kind, based as they are solely on sex prejudices, are hopelessly out of date—even in such a mediaeval relic as Oxford University. Well, indeed, might Miss Margery Fry, the Principal of Somerville College, protest against this practice of treating certain students not as human beings, but as 'women.'"

"The idea underlying the vote that Oxford is in danger of being completely swamped by women is a melancholy relic of that rabid anti-feminism that seemed to have perished with the granting of the vote to women. Moreover, Congress is legislating against a menace that does not exist," remarks the "Daily News."

"The women's colleges have neither the money nor the desire to expand their numbers. The Oxford Dons are building entrenchments against a nightmare. It is, indeed, a tragedy that a university that was so progressive in granting full academic status to women should be the first to limit their numbers. But when that decision comes at a time when there is no proposal to increase them it is difficult to know whether to cry or to laugh at its stupidity."

"By what feat of logic it is proved that this percentage of women members is in the best interests of University life one can hardly understand. Indeed, the only logical solution would have been to fall in with the wishes of reactionaries and dismiss the women once and for all," is the view of the "Liverpool Post."

"The new statute accomplishes little, for it simply makes binding what is already in effect a governing principle in each of the crowded women's colleges, for they cannot absorb more undergraduates than they already have. No doubt Congress has been looking far ahead, with gloomy forebodings of an effeminate Oxford as the result of a too hospitable generation of Dons."

"But, in spite of their cautious decision one thing is certain; if the professions continue to attract women increasingly as they are doing to-day, Oxford will once again have to put monastic pride in its pocket, and revise the limiting statute. Oxford's traditions are its glory, but new ones continually supersede the old, and the traditions which Oxford women are now helping to form may go far in time to come to modify the canny decision of yesterday."

ROAD WIDE ENOUGH.

When the case in which Mr. F. W. Somers was last week remanded on a charge of dangerous driving by passing a lorry at 25 miles per hour near the Womneichong Gap Police Station was again called this morning, Major Wilson decided to discharge the defendant. His Worship said that the offence was alleged to have been committed, and he thought it was wide enough for the defendant to pass without danger. He agreed that no car would like to follow a slow moving lorry all the time.

The Shanghai Provisional Court has ordered that all petitions and other documents filed must hereafter bear revenue stamps in accordance with the orders of the Ministry of Finance.



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RADIO TOPICS

BEAM WIRELESS.

ITS FUTURE IN THE WORLD.

At one stage in the development of wireless, amateurs were (writes Sir Robert Donald in the London "Daily Telegraph") restricted to practising with wave lengths of 300 metres or under, which was then deemed to be the non-commercial sphere for transmission. Experiments soon proved that, within limits, the shorter the wave length the longer were the distances which could be covered. Senator Marconi, who had been experimenting during and immediately after the war, by his long and patient demonstrations, placed short wave transmission on a practical and commercial basis. One might say that the position is now reversed, and that the non-commercial wireless is that which uses long waves. It is doubtful whether more stations of the Rugby type will be erected except for universal broadcasting on a non-commercial basis. It looks as if the future lay with the beam. The success of the short wave directional, or beam, has been unexpected by wireless experts outside this country, who questioned Senator Marconi's optimism, and took a sceptical view of his experiments. He and his colleagues may now feel proud of their triumph, as a few years ago had no faith in the system. If the beam stations erected for the post office by the Marconi Company had failed, the result would have been disastrous for that corporation. As it is, it seems as if the beam were to bring it renewed prosperity.

Empire Chain.

As far as the British Empire is concerned, we are within sight of the completion of the major Empire chain. The Canadian Beam service is now carrying about 140,000 words per week. The Australian service is living up to its early promise, but it must not be assumed that these two or other stations are likely to work at fullest capacity or at greatest efficiency during the first few months of operation. In a new and revolutionary development of this kind there are unforeseen snags which must be overcome, and research and experiments inevitably go on after the system is working. To attain precise unity of working and the same standard of manual dexterity in stations separated by half the world is a difficult task, and it must be remembered that the post office, in securing itself absolutely against risk, does not complete paying for the stations, or relieve the Marconi Company of its responsibility until six months after the stations have been operating. It may therefore be said that tests continue for six months.

The next station in the Empire chain to be opened is that for communicating with South Africa. The official tests for this station have begun. The corresponding stations in England are at Bodmin and Bridgewater, in association with the Canadian stations. On this side the Grimsby and Skegness stations are ready to begin operating with India, but it will be a month before the stations in India are thoroughly complete. It has been necessary to change wave lengths in this case and to alternate between 16,816 and 34,168 metres. It takes about 20 minutes to change over. These are the major stations in the Empire chain included in the Government plan, erected in England by the Marconi Company and by its associated companies in the Dominions. New Zealand is still without a wireless policy, which is surprising in the case of this enterprising Dominion. It showed caution by not following the example of Australia and South Africa in committing itself in the first instance to costly high-power stations, but there is no reason why it should hesitate longer in having its own stations for direct communication with England. Newfoundland, one of the great centres for Empire communication, is also without its own wireless service.

Linking Up Vast Areas.

Besides these main stations, inter-Imperial communication will be established. Stations are now being built to put Australia and Canada into direct communication with each other. Under its wireless concession from the Egyptian Government, the Marconi Company will erect Beam stations for communication with India and England. It looks as if Egypt may become a

wireless Clapham Junction. There was keen competition between the Eastern Telegraph Company and Marconi for the Egyptian concession, which included the taking over of the obsolete post office station near Cairo, erected under the former Empire scheme for communicating with London. With stations in the north and south of Africa and in India, it is obviously necessary that the circuit should be enlarged, and that wireless communications should be established between all the British possessions in Africa. The Portuguese Government is ahead of us in having only a few weeks ago inaugurated a wireless service between Lisbon and its African colonies. Other scattered territories within the British Empire are being linked up with wireless. The West Indies, formerly isolated, are now united by cables and wireless, all under British control. The network is being extended by the new stations linking up Bermuda and Jamaica. We may look forward in the early future to the adoption of cheap wireless as the medium for bridging over the vast spaces within the Empire, as in the Continent of India, in Australia, and in the Canadian North-West.

Simultaneously with the erection on behalf of the British Government of stations in England for communicating with South Africa, India, Australia, the Marconi Company is erecting a large multiple Beam centre at Dorchester, which will include seven transmitting stations for communication with the United States, Brazil, Buenos Aires, Egypt, the Far East, and elsewhere. It is a further tribute to the success of the Beam that the big Radio Corporation of America has given the Marconi Company an order to install a Beam station in the United States on its behalf.

Beam stations are being adopted to a large extent under the concession obtained by the Marconi Company from the Portuguese Government for connecting up Europe with the Portuguese possessions. One chain of stations has been completed; two Beam stations at Lisbon will communicate with Beam stations in the Portuguese colonies communicating with Mozambique and Louanda. There will also be stations at Madeira, the Azores, and at Cape Verde, while a long-wave station at Lisbon is erected for communicating with the rest of Europe. The Portuguese system was officially inaugurated in the presence of the President and Prime Minister on April 30.

A Promising Sphere.

The South American continent is also a promising sphere for wireless development. At present it costs more to telegraph to South America than to send a message to that country via New York, down the west coast of the United States, across Central America, down the west coast of South America, over the Andes to Buenos Aires. In a short period there will be direct wireless communication from England to Buenos Aires. That city will also be put in direct communication by wireless with Rio. Rapid developments may be expected with short-wave wireless throughout the whole of South America, where the Marconi Company's activities include running the whole postal, telegraph and wireless services in Peru. A heavy loss under State operation has been turned into a substantial profit, and, following upon this example, Peru's neighbour, Bolivia, has just granted a similar concession to Marconi.

The Eastern Telegraph Company, which lost the Egyptian concession, defeated Marconi in competing for the wireless concession in Greece, and the Marconi Company is now building a station for its successful rival. It is significant that this great cable company should enter into the wireless sphere.

There are other developments in Beam wireless, notably one of the large European companies has just given an order to Marconi to erect a station in place of the provisional and incomplete station which it has already been operating. It looks at present as if the short wave system, directional or otherwise, will be adopted all over the world, except for official purposes by Governments or for universal broadcasting.

tracts many of the best teachers from Europe and there is always the possibility of good audiences for those who show particular talent.

"I am, of course, very grateful for the generous assistance of Mr. Seligman—particularly for his gift of the violin; but I also appreciate the aid that has been given me by the government."

FILIPINO VIOLINIST.

NOTED ON RADIO IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. Harry Frantz, United Press correspondent, writes from Washington on July 26:

Broadcast at intervals from the "big time" radio stations goes the violin melody of a young Filipino musician.

"Ernesto Fausto Vallejo, 17 years old concert artist, of Manila, broadcasting from WMCA, New York," the manager will inform you.

If, charmed by the invisible harmony, you seek further information from the young musician himself, you will find him attributing his success, in part, to the violin itself. Just as Charles August Lindbergh thinks of his "Spirit of St. Louis," as "we," so young Vallejo shares his musical personality with his rare Landolus.

This wonderful instrument was presented to the young violinist by the New York banker, Mr. Henry Seligman, in appreciation of his evidently exceptional talent, and in the hope that this talent would blossom into the genius of a great master.

The violin was made more than three centuries ago, and for quality of tone is said to be almost without equal. It is regarded priceless, but if one did have to make an appraisal, experts estimate that ten thousand dollars would not be excessive.

The presentation occurred last winter at Palm Beach, Florida, when Vallejo had been invited to give a concert for friends of the banker. He was accompanied by his manager and pianist, Mr. Leonard Elsmith, Mr. Seligman has adopted the young musician as his protégé and will give him the finest musical education available.

Vallejo came to the United States four years ago to study music, after the master violinist Mischa Elman had encouraged the Philippines Government to provide a thorough training for the boy. He has been studying the violin with the celebrated New York musician, Sascha Jacobsen, while obtaining a general education at the Riverside Country School, near New York. Philippine government officials and officials of the Insular Bureau, heretofore responsible for the boy's education, have just approved a plan whereby the expense will in the future be assumed by Mr. Seligman. He expects to study two years longer at New York, but may make a trip to Europe next year. Later, he dreams of making a world tour.

Until he is ready to go regularly upon the concert stage, Vallejo gives concerts intermittently. Among his appearances have been two concerts in Boston, Massachusetts, where he went as guest of General Douglas MacArthur, commander of that district, with whom he had become acquainted in the Philippines.

Vallejo is well-known to radio audiences several times having played from the studio of WMCA in New York, and also from Washington. He has also enlisted the personal interest and friendship of Walter Damrosch, director of the New York Symphony Orchestra, who is watching this musical progress with special interest.

One of his public appearances merited this comment in the Pacific Journal-Courier: "This young artist is the master of that instrument (the violin) such as is seldom found in those of more mature years. As was stated last Winter he was discovered by that famous violinist, Mischa Elman, and having heard both of these gentlemen in respective concerts, only those of exceptionally keen musical intellect could have decided between the older and the younger artist."

Recently Vallejo came to Washington to visit friends. While speaking of his career with the correspondent of the United Press he said, in part:

"The Filipinos are music-loving people, and it is natural that I should aspire to be a musician. I studied first with my father, and later, in Manila, with Mr. Bonifacio Ebdon, a distinguished musician of the islands."

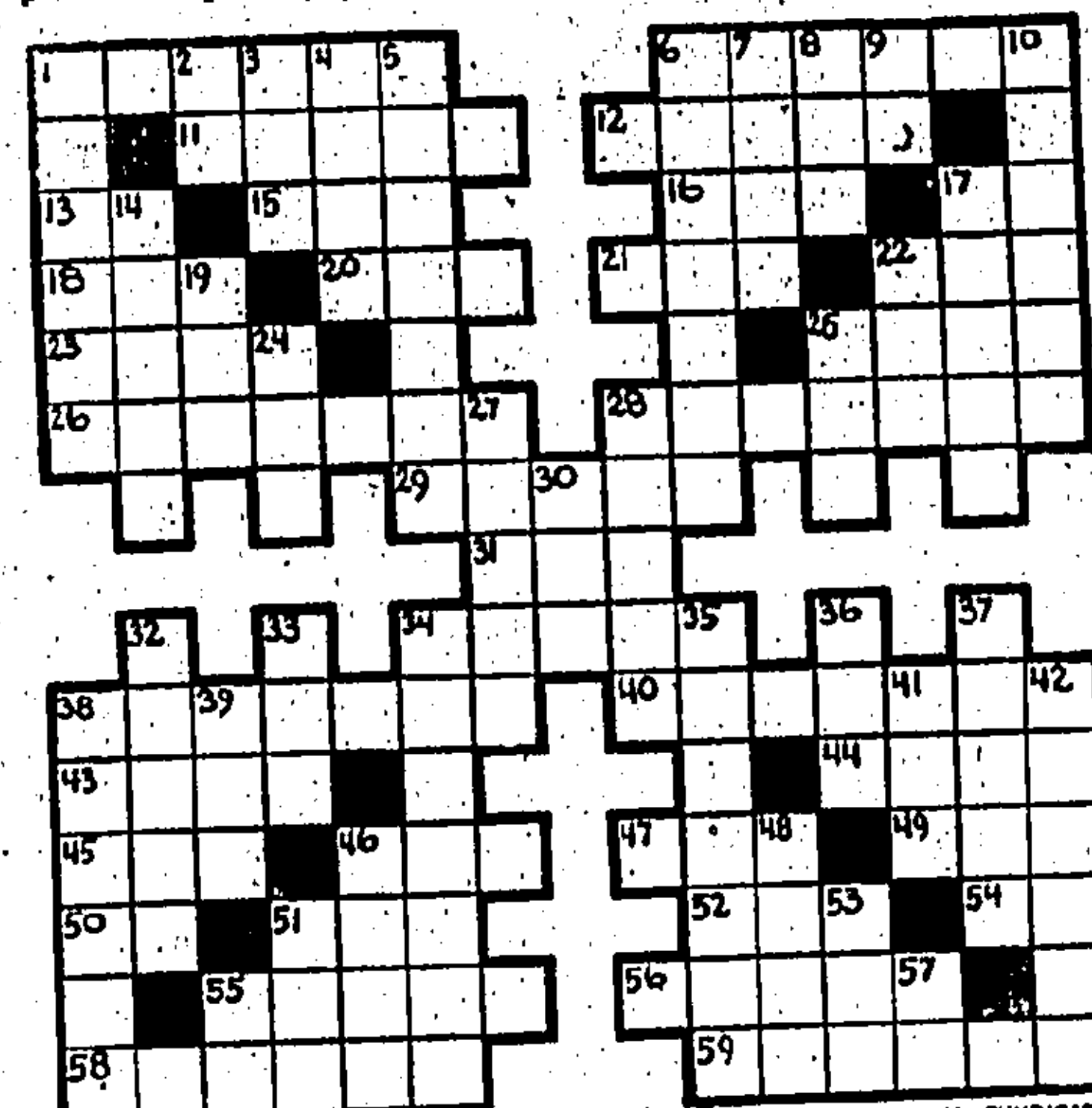
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Churlish
- 6-A continent
- 11-Sprung forth
- 12-City in Prussia
- 13-Right (abbr.)
- 15-It is (contr.)
- 16-A degree or step, as in rank
- 17-Gold (harlequin)
- 18-Pref. Three
- 20-Yurt
- 21-Yurt
- 22-An eagle
- 23-Combining form, Air
- 24-A kind of cheese
- 25-Acquired
- 26-Convicted
- 27-An Italian poet
- 28-Combining form, New
- 34-Pares
- 35-Critics
- 40-Concise
- 43-Greek god of love
- 44-Lacerated, as flesh
- 45-Point of a pen

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Part of body
- 47-Pronoun
- 48-The (German)
- 50-Telegraphic transmission (abbr.)
- 51-Pref. Apart
- 52-Before
- 54-A people of Europe (abbr.)
- 55-Rims
- 56-Wrong
- 58-Invented suddenly
- 59-Long high-backed seat

VERTICAL

- 1-Subject to death
- 2-Egyptian god
- 3-Worthless leaving
- 4-Dirt
- 5-Attempted
- 6-To marry
- 7-Employed
- 8-Register (abbr.)
- 9-By reason of
- 10-Gained
- 14-Woody plant (pl.)
- 17-A projecting window

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-An age
- 20-Go wrong
- 24-Raw metal
- 25-Besides
- 27-Natives of Denmark
- 28-Ring-shaped coral island
- 30-Born (French)
- 32-Basis of consideration
- 33-Feminine noun ending
- 34-Accustomed
- 35-Indian chieft
- 36-Small bed
- 37-Weary
- 38-The middle point
- 39-A sweet (lang)
- 41-Incline the head
- 42-Whirl lead
- 44-Dissemble
- 46-Large lake
- 51-Performed
- 53-Established (abbr.)
- 55-Silicon (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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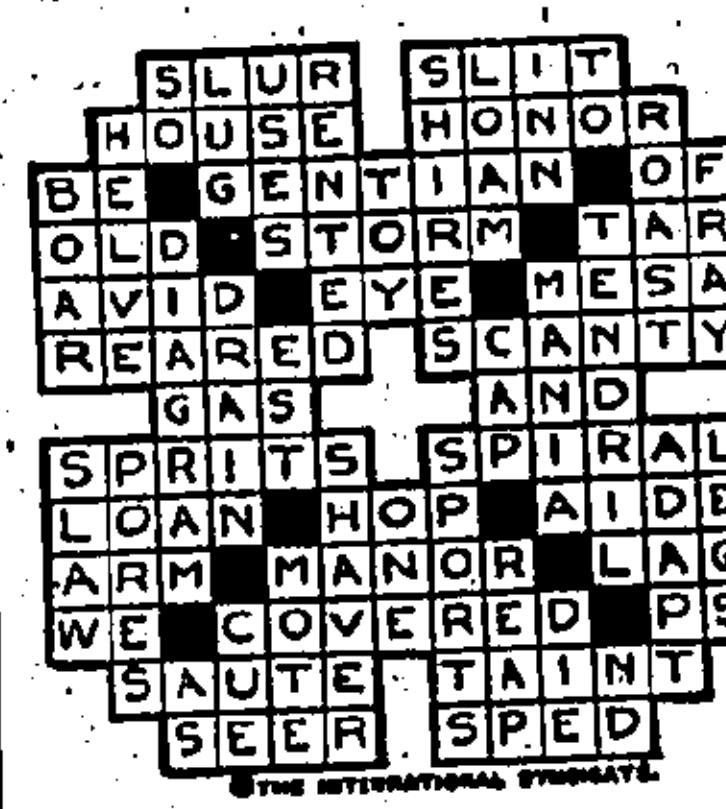
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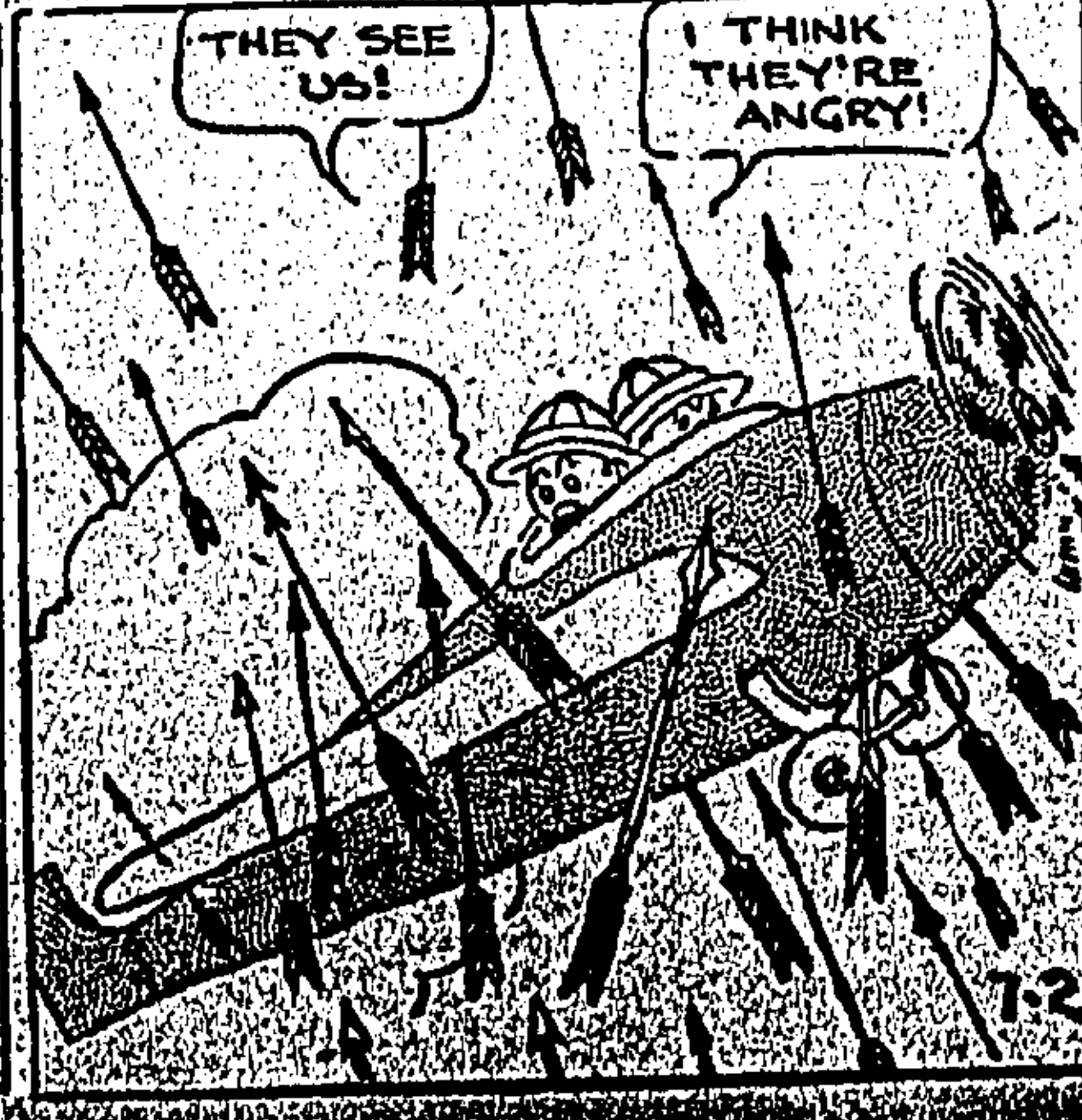
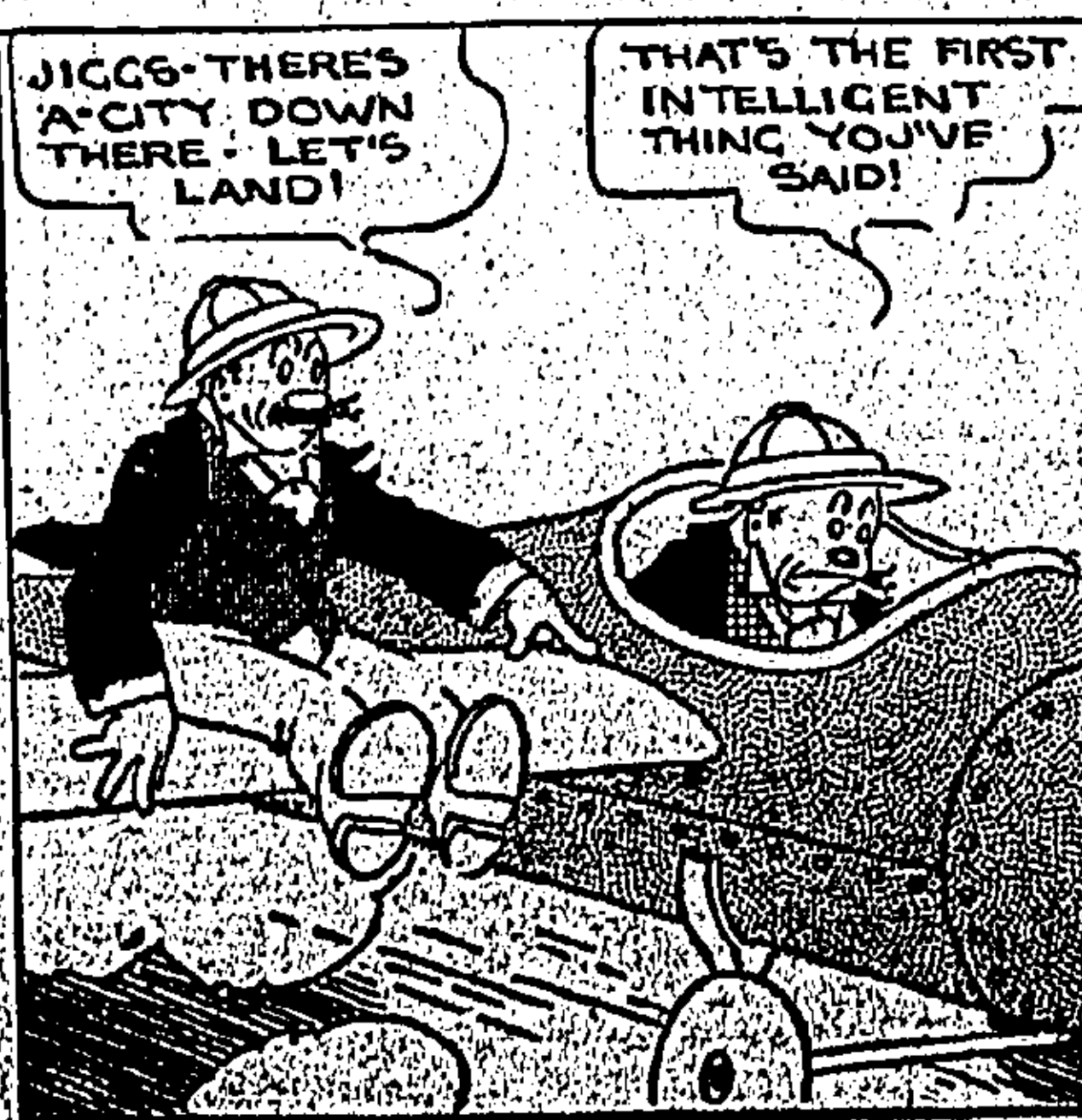
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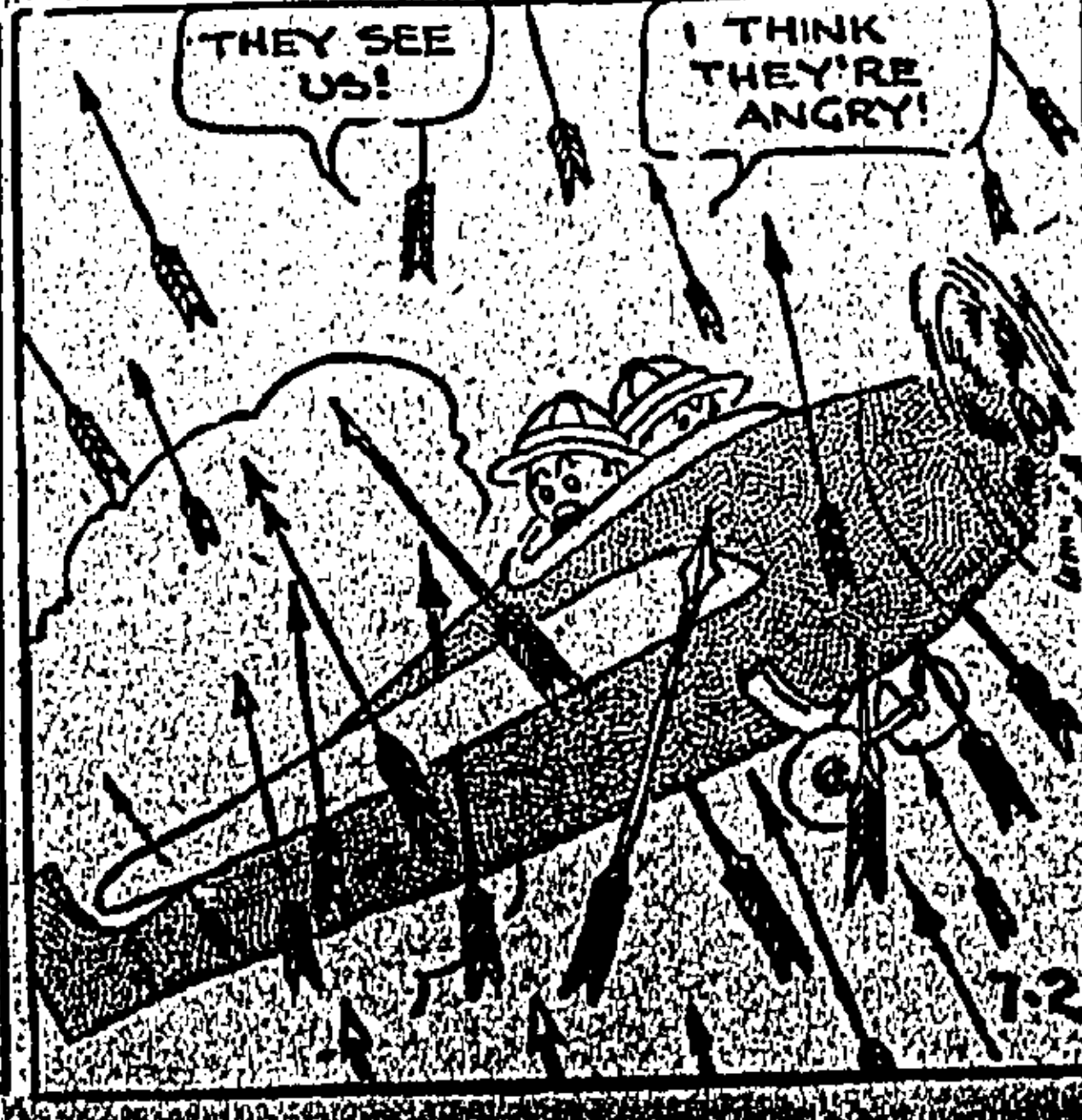
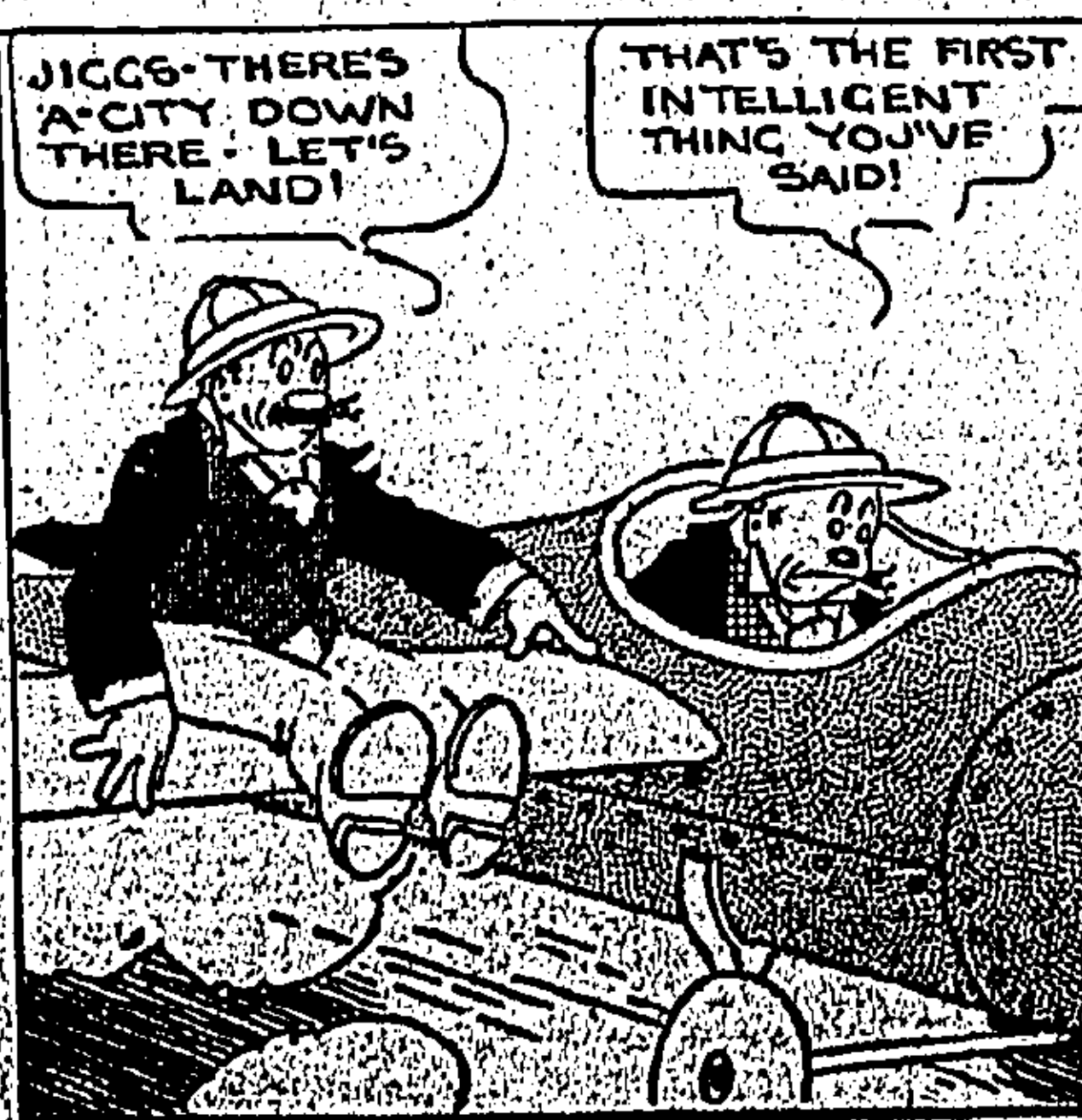
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Aero Club's Record.

The Sydney Aero Club claims that it has established a record, having trained 25 pilots during the past 12 months.

Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, the new Belgian Ambassador, has arrived in London.

The fund for the national memorial to Queen Alexandra has reached about £190,000.

In 41,214 street accidents in London from January 1 to May 31, 383 persons were killed and 17,694 injured.

Mr. John Henry Harris has been appointed Recorder of Portsmouth in the place of the late Mr. G. W. Ricketts.

Professor J. A. MacWilliam, M.D., is retiring from the Chair of Physiology in Aberdeen University, which he has filled for 41 years.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on the Wild Birds Protection Bill was told that the Bill would not be proceeded with for want of agreement as to methods.

"I'll have to get this straightened," said a man with a crooked nose when told by a Liverpool detective that he had come to arrest someone answering to his description.

Mr. E. A. McTiernan, the former Attorney-General in the Lang Ministry (New South Wales), has decided to retire from politics, and resume practice at the Bar.

Midget's Funeral.

More than thirty midgets, whose heights ranged from 24 to 38 inches, and a giant standing 7 feet 6 inches were among the mourners at the funeral at Blackpool of a German midget, Katherine Scherfberg.

The Board of Trade propose to exempt farm and garden seeds from the requirement that imported goods bearing a British name or trade mark must also bear an indication of origin.

It was established at an Oldbury, Worcestershire, inquest that Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, both 83, found dead in bed, were suffocated as the result of a gas leakage caused by a thunderstorm.

Prince Henry, of Folkestone, opened the new Leas Cliff Hall and an extension of the Royal Victoria Hospital and laid the foundation stone of an extension of the Harvey Grammar School.

The trial of Constables Regan and St. Jack, of the Western Australian Police Force, who are charged with murder of an aboriginal named Boonding, was opened at Perth, W.A., on July 12, the Rev. E. R. B. Gribble, head of the Forest River Mission, Kimberley, being the principal witness.

Medal For Sculptor.

The Royal Society of British Sculptors have awarded their medal "for the best work of the year by a British sculptor" to Mr. Gilbert Ledward for his Guards memorial on the Horse Guards Parade.

The Conservative Central Office announces that arrangements have been made to hold a seaside campaign from August 1 to 25 at all most popular resort round the coast of England and Wales.

Sydney Morton, aged 4, of Duff Street Poplar, E., one of a party returning home in a motor-coach, was seriously injured when the coach came into contact with a tramway-standard in High Road, Leytonstone.

The schooner Western Lass (99 tons), of Plymouth, struck the Brison rocks, near Cape Cornwall, and foundered, Captain Trout and a crew of four saving themselves in the vessel's small boat.

Cattle Maiming.

A series of cattle-maiming outrages is engaging the attention of the police of St. Saviour's parish, Jersey, where a cow belonging to Mr. A. G. Perchard, of La Hougue farm, near Prince's Tower had its tail cut.

"It is no place for a widow to attend," wrote a Scarborough woman, explaining why she would not be present at the local police court to answer a summons for keeping a noisy dog to the annoyance of neighbours.

A quarrel between the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers has, largely through the intervention of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, been settled.

The Right Rev. John Harold Greig, first Bishop of the Diocese of Guildford, was enthroned at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Guildford, on July 12 after having knocked at the locked door and demanded admission.

SUMMER AND THE CHILD.

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New Knights.

Mr. George Clausen, R.A., and Mr. Henry Barker were received by the King at Buckingham Palace on July 7 when his Majesty conferred upon them the honour of knighthood.

King Fuad was shown over Eton College by the provost and headmaster.

Two visitors found the body of a well-dressed woman on the beach at Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset.

The Prince of Wales inspected the Eton College Officers Training Corps on the school field on July 16.

A Watertown, Mass., blacksmith shop once used by George Washington is being equipped and opened as a garage.

Captain B. L. Miles has been appointed chief officer of the London Salvage Corps in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Fox, who has retired after 32 years' service.

Sentence of 21 days' imprisonment was passed at Liverpool on Thomas Edwin Hill for stowing away on the Cunard liner "Franconia", he having secreted himself in his wife's cabin.

The United States weather bureau was established in 1870. At first in charge of the Army Signal Corps, it was reorganised under the Department of Agriculture.

Constable Sentenced.

For breaking into a shop at night at Castleford with intent to steal, Joseph Hogan, a police constable in the city force, was at West Riding Quarter Sessions at Leeds sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The French Post Office will issue two special stamps bearing effigies of Washington and Lafayette to celebrate the arrival in September of 50,000 United States ex-soldiers on a visit to the French battlefields.

The output of coal at the mines of Great Britain in the week ended July 2 was 4,348,900 tons, compared with 5,004,300 tons in the previous week, and the number of wage-earners 1,004,800, compared with 1,011,900.

Sir Alan Cobham, who was born in the borough and is an old boy of Wilson's Grammar School, Cambridge, S.E., attended with Lady Cobham a garden fete of the Cambridge and Dulwich Pensions Society held in the school sports ground.



BRONCO BUSTING AT THE STAMPEDE

Calgary's annual "Stampede" in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies has for years past intrigued such famous artists as the late Charles Russell, and a long list of other artists, editors, cowboys, as well as frontiersmen like Cal. John S. Dennis, who commanded the Dennis Scouts during the Big Bear Rebellion.

This big show where the last great west runs shoulders with the effete east, will be staged in Calgary July 11-16. The greatest of its kind in North America it has among its patrons the Prince of Wales, whose 25th Birth is near at hand, and the Governor-General of Canada. This year Favros Bill (Major Gordon W. Little), Will Rogers, famous cowboy humorist and Edward F. Albee, president of the Keith-Albee Circuit, have donated trophies for the various events through Guy Weadick, originator of the Stampede and Stampede manager.

The Stampede starts the first day with the interesting and colorful march through the streets of Calgary. Miles long the parade includes hundreds of Indians in full war regalia, old timers of the prairies with their Red River carts, veterans of the famous Royal North West Mounted Police (now Royal Canadian Mounted Police), cowboys and cowgirls, chuck-wagon outfits with all manner of wild animals as mascots.

The regular "Stampede" program, run off daily under the direction of Guy Weadick, will include bronco-busting competitions, steer-riding, cow roping, Roman standing races, chuck-wagon races and Indian races, in which actors and back side as it for their lives. The Indian village in Victoria with its gaily painted totem poles is colorful and interesting and there are a score of other attractions different in every respect to anything seen anywhere in Canada—one of these attractions needed 50 Canadian Pacific cars to transport it last year.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST	19	Rawalpindi.
Shanghai	20	Talma.
SUNDAY, AUGUST	21	Pres. McKinley.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan & Shanghai	22	Emp. of Russia.
MONDAY, AUGUST	23	Atsuta Maru.
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Manila	16	President Taft	4.30 p.m.
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Siberia	18	Suiyang	5 p.m.
Amoy	18	Kwai Sang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	18	Van Overstraten	10.30 a.m.
Straits	19	Morea	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe Via Siberia	19	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Japan	19	Patrick Henry	10 a.m.
Manila	19	Hai Hong	Noon
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	19	Shantung	5 p.m.
Shanghai	20	Rawalpindi.	
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Collapse Of A Shanghai Market.

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At Least 300 Injured By Fall.

Shanghai, Aug. 10. With a roar and rumble like an earthquake, the Dong Ka Wai market building, a structure nearly a block long near West Gate collapsed yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, instantly killing upwards of a hundred marketmen and their customers, while probably twice as many were terribly injured, some dying on the way to hospital. The scene was appalling with shrieks of aid filling the air as the dust of the disaster swept slowly down hundreds of dwellers in houses nearby coming rushing to the pile of roof tiles and beams beneath which were buried the victims adding their wails to those of the sufferers.

This market building was perhaps 200 feet long by sixty wide. It fell like a house of cards, first one pillar and then another giving way but so rapidly that even those under the eaves did not have a chance to escape to the clear roadway only a foot or two away. The structure was erected six years ago and seemed capable of many more years' service so that the authorities are at a loss to account for its sudden collapse. Too heavy a roof, is the unofficial verdict, for the roof was of tiles supported by beams, in some cases as large as a foot by a foot and a half, and when these huge timbers, carrying the burden of hundreds of roof tiles, fell it was to crush the life out of whatever was beneath.

And they did crush the life out of many—how many perhaps will never be known since the dead were taken to improvised mortuaries where relatives claimed the bodies, sometimes crushed out of all semblance of humanity, and carried home without having a record made. Estimates as to the total loss of life vary widely since some police officers early on the scene say that a hundred were killed and at least three hundred were wounded, many of whom since have died, while others put the casualty list lower. As the crash came at the hour when the market was busiest, it may be that the higher estimates fall short of the true death toll.

American First Aid. At the time of the disaster, an American employed by the Kiangnan Dock was passing in a motor car. Realising the appalling nature of the disaster and the urgent need of medical aid, with the shrieks of the injured still ringing in his ears, he hurried to the dock and appealed to the commanders of the "Palos," "Monocacy" and "Willalobos" three American gunboats. Orders were at once given to surgeons and pharmacists mates to get their kits for first aid work together. Sixteen men were told off to help in rescue work.

When the party reached the scene of the catastrophe, the place was surrounded by thousands of people, some seeking friends whom they feared were caught in the building's collapse and others, it is said, seeking opportunity to loot, for the morning was well advanced and the marketmen victims had money.

It was the presence of these ghoulies hanging on the outskirts of the crowd that led the commander of the police detachment to ask that Admiral Li of the Kiangnan dock send every available guard at once to help control the situation.

SACCO-VANZETTI.

FACTS OF THE CASE BEING DISTRIBUTED.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. The United States Embassy here has sent to all the newspapers a complete account of the Sacco-Vanzetti case in order to enlighten public opinion on the subject. (Reuter's American Service)

IMPORT SURTAXES.

Chihli Authorities Start At Tientsin.

FIVE PER CENT. DUTY.

Levy Imposed On All "Luxurious Goods."

Tientsin, Aug. 4. Action is being taken by the Chihli Provincial authorities to levy a five per cent. surtax on all so-called "Luxurious Goods" imported into the port of Tientsin with effect from August 15.

Yesterday morning the following notice was posted up in the entrance hall of the Bank of Communications (Customs Branch) and it is understood that the surtax collectors have already established their office in the Bank building.

Tientsin Maritime Customs Import Surtax Bureau Notification.

No. 8/27.

Collection of 5 Per Cent. Import Surtaxes on Luxurious Goods.

By Notification No. 2/27 the Public have already been notified that the Bureau, acting on instructions received from the Civil Governor, collects a surtax on all imported commodities at the rate of 2½ per cent. of the Customs assessed values on Ordinary Goods and "5 per cent." of the Customs assessed values on "Luxurious Goods." They have also notified that as the kinds of Luxurious Goods are so numerous, it is not easy to make out a detailed list at once, so a 2½ per cent. surtax is to be collected on all imported commodities for the time being. As soon as a detailed list of Luxurious Goods is prepared, the public will again be notified of the enforcement on same.

Now everything is ready so the collection of 5 per cent. Import Surtax on Luxurious Goods will be commenced on 15th August. Names for Luxurious Goods will be published in a special List. All importers, whether Chinese or foreign, are hereby notified that they, in addition to the Customs Import Duty, should pay a 5 per cent. Surtax on all imported Luxurious Goods from day of effecting to the collection office established by this Bureau in order to obtain for the tax payers a separate Surtax Sheet, otherwise it shall be considered null and void.

By Order,
(Sg.) K. N. TCHI, Director.

J. C. SUN,
C. K. CHANG,
Vice-Director.

Tientsin Maritime Customs Import Surtax Bureau.
August 1, this 16th Year of the Republic of China.

THE DUBLIN MURDER

POLICE RELEASE TWO SUSPECTS.

Dublin, Yesterday. The police have asked that information be refused in the case of Owen Donnelly and Thomas Merrigan, who were charged on remand with conspiring with others to murder the late Mr. K. O'Higgins. The accused were thereupon released.—Reuter.

MR. ELBERT GARY.

U.S. STEEL MAGNATE PASSES.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Elbert Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, is dead.—Reuter's American Service.

BRISBANE EXPLOSION.

POLICE THEORY OF MOTIVE.

Brisbane, Yesterday. The police are convinced that the explosion mentioned yesterday was intended to destroy records relating to recent robberies.—Reuter.

BIG SHIPS.

More Money For U.S. Armaments.

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL.

Start On Six New Battle Cruisers.

Rapid City, Yesterday.

At the conclusion of an all-day conference with President Coolidge, General Herbert Lord, director of the Budget, stated that the President approved of a material increase in next year's expenditure for national defence both in the Army and Navy being amply provided.

The five-years' aviation programme of the Army and Navy and also of the Commerce Department of the aviation programme would be pushed and, in addition, a beginning would be made to six new cruisers and other naval craft. The battleships "Nevada" and "Oklahoma" would be remodelled.—Reuter's American Service.

THE LISBON REVOLT.

ARMY LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Lisbon, Yesterday. After an all-night sitting the Cabinet drew up a decree for the carrying out of all measures against the insurgents.

The Government has received messages from all garrisons throughout the country, assuring of the Army's loyalty. Calm continues to prevail.—Reuter.

"BOOTLEGGING."

PURCHASER ALSO TO BE PUNISHED.

Washington, Yesterday. Further trouble for the "Wets" is indicated by the announcement of the Prohibition Commissioner that purchasers of illegal liquor will henceforth be deemed equally guilty with the sellers and suffer the same penalties. Heretofore, only the bootlegger has been punished.

A BOMB ATTACK.

NEWSPAPER PRINTER INJURED.

Tientsin, Aug. 1. About midnight on Thursday night, during the height of the storm, a bomb was thrown through the window of the office of the "Hua Pei Hsin Wen" in the French Concession, near the old Telegraph Administration. The bomb caused considerable damage to the room in which it fell, and also injured the No. 1 printer. The man who threw the bomb evidently fled immediately. The French Police were informed, and are investigating the outrage. A police guard was placed on the premises.

The paper is stated to be a supporter of the Kuomintang, and the outrage is assumed to be the work of its political opponents.

It is also reported that the "Tai Wu Shih Pao," which is markedly Kuomintang in sympathies, has been placed under an official ban, and was closed yesterday.

NOTED NOVELIST DEAD.

London, Yesterday. The death is announced of the well-known novelist, Mr. James Oliver Curwood.—Reuter.

ACCIDENT AT ABATTOIRS.

Melbourne, June 29. John Sergeant (25) lost his right eye this afternoon as the result of an accident at the Melbourne City Abattoirs. Sergeant was driving a motor lorry through the killing pens at the abattoirs when a carcase of mutton which was being moved on an overhead wire, struck the front of the lorry and shattered the windshield. Sergeant was severely lacerated about the face by pieces of broken glass, and was taken to the Eye and Ear Hospital, East Melbourne, where it was found necessary to remove his right eye.

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